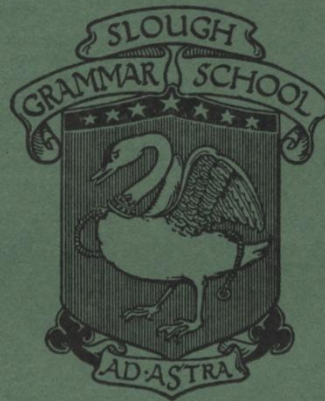


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## SCHOOL NOTES

Numerous administrative changes affecting the School have followed the formation of the Slough Divisional Executive Committee of the County Education Committee. One of the most noticeable of these is in the composition of the Governing Body. The new chairman is the Deputy-Mayor, Alderman Aubrey Ward, who has been a staunch friend of the School for a number of years, although he has had no previous official connection with it. Of the six other new Governors, most are parents of former or present pupils, while one, Mr. John Porter, has the distinction of being the first Old Boy of the School to become a Governor.

While warmly welcoming the new Governors, the School wishes to record its appreciation of the devoted work of all those who had held office previously and who had so ably assisted in guiding the destiny of the School in the past. In particular, we would mention Mr. L. S. R. Byrne, chairman since 1927, Messrs. C. Ford and E. O. Lewis, members since 1934, and Miss Headington, who had been a Governor of the old Secondary School and of this School continuously since 1912.

At the end of the last School year, all but one of the war-time temporary staff appointments were terminated, and in September last we welcomed the following new masters, each of whom had only recently been released from National Service:- S. Binstead, B.Sc., G. A. Dickinson, M.Sc., I. M. P. Millar, B.A., R. W. Portus, B.Sc., J. Wharmby, B.A.

We trust these masters will be happy in their present appointments.

Mr. J. M. Reeves, who had been senior English master since 1939, was in January seconded for service at a new Emergency Training College for Teachers at Eastbourne. It is expected that he will hold this post for a period of from three to five years.

Again this year, Mr. Vincent Evans has had a painting accepted for hanging at the Summer Exhibition of the Royal Academy.

We are particularly pleased to have with us throughout the whole of the current School year Monsieur A. le Vot. He is attached to the staff as French assistant, and the boys undoubtedly profit much from the periods they spend with him in conversational French.

Examination results have again been satisfactory. In Sixth Form work a new high level was reached when 11 of the 13 entrants gained Higher School Certificates. For the first time, some of the candidates elected to take the maximum number of main subjects allowed, i.e., four, and passed in them all. This is a high achievement indeed and carries with it exemption from the Inter-B.A. or Inter-B.Sc. of London University. At the School Certificate stage 45 passed the examination, of whom 22 qualified for exemption from London Matriculation.

In December last, D. T. G. Morgan gained an Open Scholarship in the Natural Sciences at University College, Oxford. This will, without doubt, be supplemented by the award of a County Major Scholarship.

As at present it is very difficult for a boy of 18 to gain admission to a university, owing to the Government regulation that 90% of the vacancies are to be reserved for ex-servicemen, only a small number of County Major Scholarships has been



awarded this year. One has, however, been awarded to W. E. H. Culling, who passed the H.S.C. Examination with distinction in two subjects.

During the terribly severe Thames Valley floods which occurred towards the end of the Spring Term the services of the School Cadet Corps' signallers were enlisted by the Bucks. Constabulary to maintain wireless communication between Slough and Datchet and Wrybury. All the normal means of communication with and between the two villages named (road, rail, telegraph and telephone) had broken down. For several days the cadets maintained satisfactorily this one link between the villages and the outside world.

Dates of forthcoming events:-	
24th June.—Gymnastic Display.	19th July.—Old Boys' Cricket Match.
17th July.—Swimming Sports.	25th July.—Summer Term ends.
18th July.—Cadet Inspection.	9th September.—Autumn Term begins.

The appeal launched only a year ago for funds to erect a Memorial Sports Pavilion in honour of the large number of Old Boys who made the supreme sacrifice during the recent World War has met with a most encouraging response. The target aimed at was £1,000, and of this amount £910 has already been subscribed. Further donations will be most gratefully received.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of "The Windsorian" and The Slough High School Magazine.



### IN MEMORIAM

It is with the deepest regret that we have to record the death in road accidents of two pupils of the school, and to extend to the bereaved parents our most sincere sympathy.

DEREK WILLIAMSON  
b. 16.1.29 d. August, 1946

Derek Williamson, who resided at Iver, was a pupil at the School from November 1941 until July 1946. He was steady and industrious and made very satisfactory progress. In July 1946, he passed the Oxford School Certificate examination with Credit in 4 subjects, and he also passed the examination for entry into the Clerical Grade of the Civil Service. He was well liked by all with whom he came in contact.

During the summer vacation, when cycling near his home, he had the misfortune to collide with a pedestrian. He was thrown to the ground heavily and sustained very severe head injuries, from which he died almost immediately.

THOMAS GEORGE EDWARDS  
b. 10.2.34 d. 27 May, 1947

Thomas G. Edwards, a resident of Langley, entered the School in September 1944 and was still a pupil at the time of his lamented death. Although only 13 years of age, he showed promise of achieving scholastic success considerably above the average. He had many interests outside School life and entered into each of these with full zest.

He possessed a really lovable nature and most willing disposition. He was not at all reckless and was very dependable.

All the circumstances leading to his death are not quite clear. At about 2.0 p.m. on Whit-Tuesday, 27th May, he was, with his bicycle, near a stationary lorry at the road island opposite St. Bernard's Convent. The driver of the lorry backed his vehicle a short distance, and by some means Edwards fell under the moving lorry and sustained such severe head injuries that death was instantaneous.

### HAIL—

B. H. Anscombe, R. P. Antill, P. Arnold, C. Bailey, G. C. Barney, C. W. Bartlett, C. E. Beenham, C. E. Belcher, J. Bell, J. W. G. Bench, C. J. Birch, B. Booty, G. W. J. Brecknell, J. Brooks, R. C. Brown, D. Burnett, J. Chadwick, P. Cleveland, B. Climer, B. Colpitts, C. Coulson, D. Cragg, R. Dance, R. C. Davey, E. Deans, G. Dixon, R. Doig, P. J. Dunage, R. Edwards, W. A. V. Elwell, D. J. Esling, T. J. Evans, R. Faulkner, R. Fitt, R. Flaxman, J. S. Fleetwood, R. Ford, W. Fox, R. E. Franklin, J. Freeman, V. Gillham, P. N. Ginsbury, R. A. Glanville, J. Green, H. Grimwood, C. J. Grout, M. J. Haisman, D. W. Harrison, D. N. Hodges, J. Holdship, G. E. Holmes, S. F. Holness, S. Horton, G. B. Hussey, A. S. Johnston, R. M. Johnson, I. Jones, N. Ketch, R. King, J. Kitchener, G. W. Knights, P. G. E. Lawes, B. J. Lucas, M. Martin, G. H. Middle, H. B. Milsom, J. R. H. Moody, R. M. Morey, P. W. Morris, R. S. Morris, G. E. Mounteney, W. J. Myles, W. C. Oatley, D. K. Page, A. J. Parker, B. C. Pearson, A. E. Phillips, B. Poole, C. M. Reade, P. P. Reader, N. Reynolds, P. Roach, J. Schofield, J. C. Scrivens, W. J. Simmons, J. H. Slater, J. M. Smith, R. B. Smith, R. J. Smith, T. M. Smith, M. J. Taylor, P. Tandy, G. Thompson, K. Topham, P. J. Turner, B. Tutt, P. S. Tyler, J. E. Unsworth, M. A. Walden, R. M. Warne, W. R. Warren, J. Weatherburn, N. West, M. Wheatley, D. J. White, L. Williams, B. W. Yeatman, R. R. Young, B. C. Pearson, P. L. R. Holmes.

### & FAREWELL

R. Comber.—Removed to Southampton.  
K. D. Stone.—Clerical.  
J. M. Kent.—King Alfred's Grammar School.  
G. Dixon.—Ashford Grammar School.  
J. F. C. Luxton.—Engineering.  
N. P. I. K. Brown.—Ramsay Abbey Grammar School.  
D. Werrell.—Clerical.  
J. E. Hobbs.—Draughtsman.  
R. A. Hancock.—R.A.F. Apprentice.  
R. Stevens.—Building.  
C. F. Wood.—Clerical.  
D. R. Jolly.—Local Government Service.  
N. N. Vidler.—Clerical.  
R. L. Knight.—Laboratory Assistant.  
D. Bartley.—Engineering.  
D. A. J. Foster.—Chartered Accountancy.  
J. L. E. Webb.—G.W.R. Clerical.  
W. Steinberg.—Medicine.  
J. K. Davies.—Merchant Navy.  
T. F. Lanz.—Worthing Grammar School.  
A. H. Lucas.—Brighton Grammar School.  
A. Bradford.—Wolverton Grammar School.  
E. L. Short.—Clerical.  
A. C. Catchpole.—Civil Service.  
P. R. Crotty.—Draughtsman.  
R. Hartley.—Bromley Grammar School.  
A. Spouse.—Engineering.  
K. Ellis.—Insurance.  
R. D. B. Bush.—Laboratory Assistant.  
A. E. Newbury.—Civil Service.  
P. J. Sullivan.—Naval Artificer.  
R. S. Collins.—Naval Artificer.  
V. L. Wardall.—Westminster Bank.  
E. J. Pound.—Enfield Grammar School.  
R. E. Ison.—Army.  
B. J. Clements.—Shop Assistant.  
A. J. Salter.—Local Government Service.

## SPEECH DAY 1946

The Annual Speech Day and Prizegiving was held on 12th December under the Chairmanship of Alderman Aubrey Ward, Deputy-Mayor of Slough. The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. J. E. Taylor) and most of the Governors were also present. The Lord Bishop of Buckingham (The Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay) kindly presented the awards and afterwards addressed the boys and their parents on their respective attitudes to the life and regime of a school.

In his Report, the Headmaster referred to the many changes in administration, composition of the Governing Body, and in staffing of the School, that had taken place during the year under review. In spite of the staff changes, the quality of the work had not suffered. The most pleasing feature was the extended development of Sixth Form work, there being now 30 boys in the two divisions of the Sixth Form. After enumerating examination and scholarship successes, he warned parents to be vigilant to see that their sons were not debarred from such benefits in the years to come, as there were suggestions afoot that pupils attending state-maintained or aided schools should no longer be permitted to take external examinations conducted by University examining bodies. The various cultural and athletic activities were next referred to, and the Headmaster concluded with a report of the revival of the Old Boys' Association and of the excellent response (£750) to the appeal for funds to erect a suitable War Memorial.

### AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY 1946

*Form IIc.*—Peters, R. J. (Prize); Perkins, D., Bradford A. (Certificates).  
*Form IIb.*—Punshon, M. E. (Prize); Creighton, W. S., Ansdell, D. A. (Certificates).  
*Form IIa.*—Killip, J. D. (Prize); Wells, D. E., Willé, R. W. (Certificates).  
*Form IIIc.*—Neale, D. A., Peck, A. J. (Prizes); Bovey, D. J. (Certificate).  
*Form IIb.*—Harris, R. S. (Prize); Edwards, T. G., James, D. A. (Certificates).  
*Form IIIa.*—Wotherspoon, H. (Prize); Loring, W. C., Neale, R. A. (Certificates).  
*Form IVc.*—Mayor, G. (Prize); Hemmings, P. M., Keeble, J. F. (Certificates).  
*Form IVb.*—Ford, J. B. (Prize); Osborne, H. J., Serjent, J. B. (Certificates).  
*Form IVa.*—Bailey, P. A. M. (Prize); Keeping, J. W., Brecknell, D. J. (Certificates).  
*Form Lower Vc.*—Griffin, D. M. (Prize); Ferguson, I. A., Turvey, R. J. (Certificates).  
*Form Lower Vb.*—Carr, A. P. (Prize); Miles, R. C., Pearce, C. A. (Certificates).  
*Form Lower Va.*—Davis, J. F. (Prize); Barnard, J. R., Comber, R. (Certificates).

### UPPER FIFTH FORMS

*Oxford School Certificate, with Matriculation Exemption*  
*Prizes.*—Blunden, A. G., Stevens, R., Jolly, D. R., Nottley, P. S., Sherman, S.  
*Certificates.*—Bush, R. D. B., Collins, R. S., Foster, D. A. F., Goodsall, R. A., Hossack, D. C., Lake, A. J., McCalla, I., Rowland, M. A. A., Wood, E. F., Catchpole, A. C., Darkes, L., Fry, J. M., Hobbs, J. E., Price, V. G., Ford, M. A., Spouse, A., Funnell, M. G., Spuffard, S. W.

#### *Oxford School Certificates*

*Prize.*—Lucas, A. J.  
*Certificates.*—Hamilton, G. A., Ison, R. E., Retallick, K., Short, E. L., Vidler, N. J., Baldwin, J. W., Buckland, E. L., Collins, F. W., Field, D. L., Locke, D. D., Newbury, A., North, D. H., Pelling, E., Stephens, R. J., Stiff, J. S., Turner, D., Williamson, D., Lane, D. A., McGill, F. J., Sullivan, P. J.

#### *Oxford Higher School Certificates*

*Prizes.*—Culling, W. E. H. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.). Awarded County Major Scholarship. Braun, E. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.). Steinberg, W. (presented by The Headmaster).  
*Certificates.*—Crowther, M., Morgan, D. T. G., Mousley, F. C., Scott, P. D., Severn, B., Turner, E. G., White, D. A., Wittchell, A.

*Open Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford (value £100 p.a.)*  
 Klemperer, H. G. (presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.).

## SPECIAL PRIZES

*Music* (Miss P. J. Smith Memorial prizes).—Brecknell, D. J., Culverhouse, A. F. J., Bowers, D. N., Wren, D. J.  
*The "Ford" Cup* (for outstanding Voluntary Service to the School).—Rolls, P. J.  
*The "Scott" Prize* (Geographical Essay).—Culling, W. E. A.  
*The "Kemsley" Prizes* (Essays on Empire subjects).—Junior Forms: Canon, P. T. H., Cornish, E. J., Hancock, R. A., Killip, J. D. Fifth Forms: Catchpole, A. C., Field, D. L. Sixth Forms: Allt, B., Salmon, H. D.

## NATIONAL SAVINGS

The National Savings Group continues to function with some 220 members. The School Group has now passed its thirtieth birthday, and during that period a total of £22,084 7s. 9d. has been subscribed. An important change in Savings Certificates was introduced in April. The price of the certificate is now 10/- (with a slightly reduced yield after 10 years), but 1,000 of this issue can be held in addition to the maximum holding of 500 of the other denominations.

## CADETS

The Grammar School Company, No. 1 Company of the 1st Bucks Cadet Battalion, has had a successful year. Admittedly, numbers have continued to fall off a little, but this is a reaction to be expected after a long period of war.

Because the Army look to the Army Cadet Force for young men whom it can train to become N.C.O.s and commissioned officers, the certificates of military knowledge and leadership—Certificate "A," parts I and II—are an important goal for Cadets who wish to put their Cadet training to good use after they leave School. It is reassuring, therefore, to note the following successes in Certificate "A" examinations held by the War Office in the district during the past year:—Part I: R. S. Collins, C. J. Thompson, A. Webster, J. Whitfield, J. Duckett, A. Mabbott, J. A. M. Padley-Smith, M. W. Saul, P. H. Varney. Part II: L. J. G. Goodchild, J. P. Heslop, A. J. Salter, B. P. Lane. In future, the Certificate "A" examination, apart from those held at the School, will take place at Battalion Headquarters twice each year, in May and October.

Points of interest about training are: (1) The acquisition of a new area for manoeuvres; (2) new equipment for the School's 25 yards rifle range; (3) the innovation of the Tuesday evening voluntary parade at the School for the purpose of receiving training in Drill and Fieldcraft from Battalion instructors, and (4) the promise of visits by instructors from Guards' Battalions at Windsor to the Friday afternoon parades.

The Summer Camp this year is to be held at Dover, and from information received already it promises to be very well organised and capable of providing an excellent holiday for those Cadets who can attend it.

The standard of the recruits who joined the Company this term, and the attendance at the Tuesday evening parade holds out great promise for the future of No. 1 Company. It is hoped that those Cadets who are leaving School this term to go into the Services will do well there. As for those who are not going immediately into the Services, the other Companies of the 1st Bucks Cadet Battalion will be very glad if they will join them.

## MY FLOOD EXPERIENCES

When I was called to the Headmaster on the Tuesday on which the floods were at their peak, wondering anxiously what I had done wrong, I met two of my "signals" colleagues, Cadet Padley-Smith and Sgt. Lane, who was at that time a L/Cpl., and Captain Wright. We were informed that the police needed us to manipulate our wireless sets in place of the severed telephone communications, and were dispatched from School immediately in order to be present, in uniform, at the police-station by the afternoon.

Sgt. Lane left in a lorry for Datchet, and I for Wraysbury, but with our small "38" sets we were unable to establish communication. We returned early that night, somewhat daunted by our failure. The next day we adopted a different plan—



Slough policeman operating at the police-station, myself along the Bath Road and the other two in Datchet. We established communication and at length I moved to the Windsor Road. When I returned to the police-station for dinner, I was told that all the apparatus had been moved to Datchet, so I immediately boarded a "duck" which was going there by way of Eton. The driver and I had dinner in Eton College and we then commenced to do some rescuing in Eton Wick, where we became marooned in some very soft mud, into which we sank and stuck fast. Having been eventually hauled out and returned to Eton, I decided that it would be quicker by lorry, and boarded a passing vehicle on its way to Slough, and rode in a "duck" going to Datchet, with some larger sets loaned by the N.F.S.

With the larger "18" sets, we worked around Datchet, with a control at Datchet Church and two out-stations on the food and emergency "ducks." This arrangement worked very well, and in the evening we were joined by some more members of the signal platoon. That day we did not return until nearly midnight. The floods were then beginning to subside and the next few days consisted mainly of delivering food, most of the rescuing having been completed. On the following Monday, two of the four "ducks" left for the Fen district, and on Tuesday the remaining two departed and there remained only the job of pumping out the isolated stretches of water. That day we returned to Slough with all our equipment and thus ended our brief break of a week from School.

P. VARNEY (LVA).

### THE LIBRARY

The work of reorganising the School Library was undertaken towards the end of the winter term. By 27th January, the work was complete and the Library was again functioning. Librarians were appointed as follows: D. Bargent, R. Cother, E. Dyer, B. Field, D. Jewell and B. Woodley. Our thanks are due to them for the many hours of work they have put in. As yet, the Library has been put within the reach of the Lower School only, but it is hoped that as the number of volumes increases it will be possible for the Upper School to use the Library as well.

During the year books have been kindly presented to the Library by the following boys: D. Jewell, R. Barltrop, P. Holmes, W. Creighton, B. Woodley, E. Dyer, J. P. Armstrong, R. C. Rockett, B. Matthias, D. Wells, G. Barber, J. Killip, D. Bargent, G. Pottow, D. Cragg, D. N. Bowers, D. Reader, J. A. Prime, B. D. Young, P. Hayes, B. Field, M. Groombridge, H. Salmon, M. Crowther, G. Mayor and D. N. Bowers.

R. A. COTHER, LIBRARIAN.

### SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(Inter-Schools' Debating Society)

At the beginning of the School year, this Society experienced a considerable revival. The increase in numbers, however, was apparently only temporary, since it has been increasingly noticeable that the attendance drops at every meeting. It is a great pity that this Society, once flourishing and packed with potential statesmen and cabinet ministers, should decline so rapidly.

At the end of the Autumn Term 1946, an enjoyable social evening was held, at which Crowther acted as master of ceremonies with considerable success.

In closing, the members of the Committee express a hope that more enthusiasm will be shown by the members of this Society in the coming term.

J. J. COOMES (VI), HON. SEC.

### EXHIBITION OF MODELS

An exhibition of models built by boys of the School was held on Thursday, October 31st, and Friday, November 1st, in aid of the Pavilion Memorial Fund. Some fifty-five models were on show, mostly aircraft, ranging from a six-foot sailplane to a two-inch model of the Japanese suicide bomb, but there were also some very fine models of ships, locos and working models. A pole was provided and tethered round-the-pole flying took place throughout both days, three models being used. Two models, donated by an exhibitor, were raffled, and altogether a sum of £7 was raised for the fund.

R. STEVENS (UVA).

## HOUSE NOTES

### GRAY

SUMMER TERM 1946.

Officials.—Captain: R. Hurn; Vice-Captain: D. Morgan; Secretary: B. Severn.

CRICKET. Final position: 1st.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Hampden	W. 80-1-33	W. 45-4-10	W. 28-17	W. 54-24	
v. Herschel	D. 74-9(d.)-20-9	L. 40-7(d.)-41-5	W. 45-40	W. D.	
					14-4-29

v. Milton	W. 63-5-59	W. 20-17	T. 47-47	W. L. 9-46	
Position	1st	1st (tied)	1st	1st	2nd (t.)

Throughout the School the results were gratifying, only two games being lost. Severn, Morgan, Stock and McDougall played for the 1st XI during the term.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.—Gray were third in the annual sports with 73 points, but were successful in Class I, chiefly due to the fine performances of D. Field and R. Hurn, who were respectively champion and runner-up.

SWIMMING SPORTS.—Field was the individual champion, establishing a record in the one-length breast stroke. Rees won the Class II one-length free style in record time.

The House was sorry to lose its captain, R. Hurn, B. Severn, D. Field and Stock, all of whom were prominent on the sports field.

AUTUMN TERM 1946.

Officials.—Captain: D. Morgan; Vice-Captain: J. McDougall; Secretary: P. Raymond; Committee: D. R. Jolly, R. W. Harris, A. J. Lucas.

FOOTBALL. Final Position 2nd.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Hampden	W. 5-2	L. 0-3	W. 1-0	L. 1-4	D. 1-1
v. Herschel	W. 4-1	L. 2-3	L. 2-3	W. 2-1	D. 1-1
v. Milton	D. 3-3	W. 6-1	L. 0-1	L. 0-2	W. 2-1
Position	1st (tied)	3rd	3rd	3rd (tied)	1st

The House was not as successful as during the cricket season, but the Seniors maintained their unbeaten record over the last four terms.

Members representing the 1st XI during the season included McDougall, Grant and Morgan.

SPRING TERM 1947.

The football programme for the term was not completed owing to the weather and so the results are not enclosed.

ATHLETIC SPORTS 1947.—The House gained the championship with 117½ points, due in a large measure to its Class II members, where it obtained most points in every event, and Rees was champion with 23 points. In Class I and Class III its successes were restricted to the sprints and long jump, where B. Lucas set up a Class III record of 15ft. 6½ins. R. Harris, who represented Bucks. at Eton last year, was runner-up in Class I, and Groome held the same position in Class III.

Gray appears to be regaining some of its former glory in the House Competition.

### HAMPDEN

SUMMER TERM 1946.

Officials.—Captain and Vice-Captain: P. D. Scott; Secretary: D. A. White.

CRICKET.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 33-56-1	L. 10-45-4	L. 17-28	—	L. 24-54
v. Herschel	L. 27-40-2	W. 61-58	W. 38-30	—	L. 11-47
v. Milton	L. 18-41-5	W. 36-28	L. 21-67	—	L. 25-31
	0 pts. 4th	4 pts. 1st	2 pts. 3rd	0 pts. 4th	0 pts. 4th

The final result was disappointing, Hampden coming fourth.

**ATHLETIC SPORTS.**—We managed to regain the House Championship Cup after it had been lost to Milton in 1945, scoring 95½ points. In connection with this result, various boys deserve special praise. Among the more outstanding ones were J. F. Dollery, D. T. Anderson and J. A. W. Knight; the two last gained the highest number of points as individuals for their respective classes.

#### AUTUMN TERM 1946.

**Officials.**—Captain: R. Bush; Vice-Captain: R. L. Knight; Secretary: H. D. Salmon; Committee: D. T. Anderson, E. Y. Yallop, A. E. Newbury.

**FOOTBALL.** Again a disappointing term for sport, coming fourth.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 2-5	W. 3-0	L. 0-1	W. 4-1	D. 2-2
v. Herschel	L. 2-3	L. 0-3	L. 0-4	L. 1-6	D. 0-0
v. Milton	L. 1-2	W. 3-1	L. 0-7	L. 0-6	D. 1-1

#### SPRING TERM.

No new officials were elected this term, due to the almost complete stoppage of football matches as a result of the continued bad weather. For the same reason there was no cross-country race.

#### HERSCHEL

#### SUMMER TERM 1946

**Officials.**—Captain: D. Cameron.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	D. 20-9, 24-9	W. 41-5, 40-7	L. 40-45	—	D. 29, 14-4
v. Hampden	W. 40-2, 27	L. 58-61	L. 30-38	—	W. 47-11
v. Milton	L. 34-7, 32	—	W. 37-28	L. 16-19	L. 20-22
Points	3	3	2	2	3
Position	3rd	3rd	3rd	3rd	2nd

Final Position - 3rd.

D. Cameron left us at the end of this term.

#### AUTUMN TERM 1946.

**Officials.**—Captain: D. Werrell; Vice-Captain: R. Ison; Secretary: A. Catchpole.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 1-4	W. 3-2	W. 3-2	L. 1-2	D. 1-1
v. Hampden	W. 3-2	W. 3-0	W. 4-0	W. 7-1	D. 0-0
v. Milton	L. 0-4	W. 3-2	D. 3-3	W. 3-2	D. 0-0
Points	2	6	3	4	3
Position	3rd	1st	1=	1=	2nd

Final Position - 1st.

We were unfortunate to lose D. Werrell at Christmas.

#### SPRING TERM 1947.

Owing to unfavourable weather, there was no cross-country this term.

#### MILTON

#### SUMMER TERM 1946.

**Officials.**—Captain and Secretary: F. C. Mousley; Vice-Captain: D. D. Locke; Committee: J. W. Hunt, N. Vidler.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	L. 59-7, 61-4	L. 17-20	D. 47-47	L. —	W. 46-9
v. Hampden	W. 41-5, 18	L. 28-36	W. 67-21	W. —	W. 31-25
v. Herschel	W. 34-7, 32	—	L. 28-37	W. 29-16	W. 22-20
Position	2nd	4th	2nd	2nd	1st
Points	4	1	3	4	6

Final Position - 2nd.

**SPORTS.**—The House did badly in this year's sports, scoring only 30 points. There were no individual winners. The best effort was by N. Vidler, who scored 6 points in Class I, while R. Cother also did well.

F. C. Mousley left this term.

#### AUTUMN TERM 1946.

**Officials.**—Captain and Secretary: M. Crowther; Football Captain: J. W. Hunt; Football Vice-Captain: N. Vidler; Committee: V. Price, D. J. Smith.

	Seniors	L. V's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	D. 3-3	L. 1-6	W. 1-0	W. 1-0	L. 0-2
v. Hampden	W. 2-1	L. 1-3	W. 7-0	W. 6-0	D. 2-2
v. Herschel	W. 4-0	L. 2-3	D. 3-3	L. 2-3	D. 0-0
Position	1=	4	1=	1=	4
Points	5	0	3	4	2

Final Position - 3rd.

This term we were unfortunate to lose N. Vidler.

#### SPRING TERM.

This term the unfavourable weather conditions, which caused the cross-country race to be cancelled, also severely restricted football. Such games as were played are recorded below.

	Seniors	L. V's	
v. Herschel	Lost 0-1	v. Hampden Lost 0-2	No other games
		v. Herschel Lost 1-5	No points

M.C.

## GAMES AND ATHLETICS

### FOOTBALL 1946-47

#### FIRST ELEVEN

##### Autumn Term

**Officials.**—Captain: D. G. Werrell; Vice-Captain: W. E. H. Culling; Committee: D. T. G. Morgan, R. D. B. Bush, N. J. Vidler.

**Team.**—R. L. Knight; J. W. Hunt, W. E. H. Culling; J. K. McDougall, D. G. Werrell, V. Price; J. Grant, R. D. B. Bush; N. J. Vidler, A. Newbury, D. T. G. Morgan.

##### Spring Term

**Officials.**—Captain: W. E. H. Culling; Vice-Captain: D. T. G. Morgan; Committee: V. Price, J. Grant, J. K. McDougall.

**Team.**—A. D. Akers; J. W. Hunt, W. E. H. Culling; A. Giles, M. Rowland, V. Price; J. Grant, D. C. Anderson, J. K. McDougall, D. Smith, D. T. G. Morgan.

With a good nucleus of 1st and 2nd XI players from the 1945-6 season, there was a hope that the new season would show a revival of the, by now, rather ancient glories of School football.

The results were not as happy as we had the right to expect. After a moderate start, with 1 defeat, 1 victory and 3 drawn games, the dismal record of recent years was repeated. In the next 8 matches, there were 6 defeats, 1 draw and 1 victory. In the 1947 half the severe weather of February and March caused the cancellation of most of our fixtures. Of three games played we gained one victory.

The feature of our football was the high level of individual talent and the occasional displays of exhilarating team brilliance. The opening fixture against Bishopshalt at Hillingdon epitomises the frequently-repeated situation of 1st XI football. Here, with increasing heart beats, we watched the first team play beautifully together. There was defensive firmness and a rare skill among the forwards that brought cheers to our lips. As the game progressed the big kicking and the sheer



weight of the opponents gained for them an increasing advantage and we had eventually to accept the honourable acquittal of a 2-1 reverse.

Unfortunately, the factor of superior weight is too often the decisive one in school football. This received repeated illustration in the course of the season.

In defence Knight maintained the tradition of good goalkeeping. Hunt and Culling were sound backs, and the half-backs, McDougall, Werrell and Price, though they lacked the speed required for their job, always gave a resolute account of themselves.

The forwards were often exasperating. Each boy was admirably equipped for his position, but the line could rarely last a game as an effective unit when opposed to a robust defence. Increasing reliance was placed on the free-running and penetrating Vidler at centre-forward. If he failed the team had a bad day. In the first part of the season he scored more than half our goals and, with tallies of 3, 3 and 4, achieved 3 "hat-tricks." Bush and Newbury were small, hardworking and talented inside forwards. The feather-weight wingers, Morgan and Grant, often gave delightful performances, but they were never the force of the fleet-footed, thrustful and weighty wingers whom we met in opposition.

We had a 1st XI rich in football skill but academic rather than aggressive in spirit when it came to grips with its opponents.

Five of the 1st XI left at Christmas. Only one of the remaining six is likely to be with us next season. Team-building in Autumn must be from almost fresh stock, but there is place for much optimism in the resources that are being handed on to us from the splendidly-successful junior teams.

## DETAILED RESULTS

### Autumn Term

- v. Uxbridge, A. Uxbridge 2, School 1 (Bush).
- v. Southall, H. School 3 (Newbury 2, Bush 1), Southall 2.
- v. Maidenhead, H. School 2 (Vidler 2), Maidenhead 2.
- v. Old Paludians, H. School 4 (Vidler 3, Morgan 1), Old Paludians 4.
- v. Wycombe, H. School 4 (Vidler 2, Bush, Grant), Wycombe 4.
- v. Maidenhead, A. Maidenhead 7, School 6 (Vidler 3, Bush 2, McDougall 1).
- v. Slough Technical, H. School 7 (Vidler 4, Bush, McDougall, Grant), Technical 1.
- v. Ashford, A. Ashford 4, School 2 (Vidler, Newbury).
- v. Wycombe, A. Wycombe 4, School 4 (Vidler 2, Bush 2).
- v. Egham, H. School 4 (Anderson 3, Morgan), Egham 6.
- v. Egham, A. Egham 2, School 0.
- v. Slough Technical, A. Technical 4, School 3 (Vidler 2, McDougall).
- v. Uxbridge, H. School 1 (Bush), Uxbridge 5.

Scorers.—Vidler 19, Bush 9, McDougall 3, Newbury 3, Anderson 3, Grant 2, Morgan 2. Total 41.

### Spring Term

- v. Southall, A. Southall 3, School 0.
- v. Slough Technical, H. School 2 (McDougall, Anderson), Technical 1.
- v. Wycombe, A. Wycombe 13, School 4 (McDougall 3, Smith).

Scorers.—McDougall 4, Anderson 1, Smith 1.

## SECOND ELEVEN

Team (Autumn Term).—A. D. Akers; D. Jarvis, H. Morgan; T. Winchester, M. Rowland, D. R. Jolly (Capt.); L. Roberts, D. C. Anderson, R. W. Harris, D. Smith, E. Yallop.

Team (Spring Term).—A. Benjamin; D. Jarvis, H. Morgan; C. Thompson, D. D. Locke (Capt.), B. N. Farr; R. W. Harris, D. Rice, L. Roberts, R. Cother, J. Hill.

Despite the seriously-curtailed programme, much satisfaction can be obtained from a fairly-successful season's football. All the requirements of the First Eleven were adequately met—Rowland, Jolly, Anderson, Harris, Smith, Yallop and Akers were promoted and distinguished themselves. Even more pleasing was the response to last-minute demands for substitutes—players are now coming along freely to offer their services; this is indeed a welcome sign. The results, too, show that there is a considerable amount of football talent available.

Jolly captained the side admirably and, with Rowland, was always a stalwart in defence. Akers, in goal, and Anderson, at inside forward, were newcomers and both proved highly successful. The outstanding performers, however, were Jarvis, in defence, and Roberts, on the right wing. These two, together with Rice, will be available next year, and should prove a real asset to the School football.

## DETAILED RESULTS

### Autumn Term

- v. Uxbridge, H. School 1 (Harris), Uxbridge 3.
- v. Southall, A. Southall 2, School 4 (Roberts 3, Anderson).
- v. Maidenhead, A. Maidenhead 0, School 7 (Harris 4, Yallop 2, Roberts).
- v. Wycombe, A. Wycombe 3, School 2 (Catchpole, Jolly).
- v. Maidenhead, H. School 7 (Yallop 3, Rice 2, Roberts, Smith), Maidenhead 0.
- v. Ashford, H. School 3 (Harris 2, Rowland), Ashford 2.
- v. Wycombe, H. School 2 (Harris, Yallop), Wycombe 3.
- v. L.V.S., H. School 2 (Harris, Yallop), L.V.S. 2.
- v. Egham, A. Egham 1, School 8 (Rice 3, Harris 2, Roberts 2, Yallop).
- v. Egham, H. School 2 (Rowland 2), Egham 5.
- v. L.V.S., A. L.V.S. 6, School 1 (Roberts).
- v. Slough Technical, H. School 5 (Thompson 3, Smith, Prior), Technical 1.

Scorers.—Harris 11, Roberts 8, Yallop 8, Rice 5, Thompson 3, Rowland 3, Anderson 1, Smith 1, Catchpole 1, Jolly 1, Prior 1. Total 43.

### Spring Term

- v. Southall, A. Southall 0, School 0.
- v. Wycombe, H. School 0, Wycombe 0.

## SENIOR LEAGUE ELEVEN

With the revival of The Slough and District Schools' League came an opportunity for our footballers of under 14½ years, and under 12½, to try conclusions with all the schools in the locality. The deeds of the Under 12½s are recorded elsewhere: suffice it to say that both teams carried off silver cups as the season's champions.

Nor was this the only success achieved: the Senior League side turned out as the School Junior XI, on their days off, to defeat old rivals such as Egham and Maidenhead.

Moreover, six of the team were selected for the District XI and played in several inter-town matches (Canon, Morgan, Jones, S., Allen, Pearce and Binfield). Finally—and this is very important—most of the games were thoroughly enjoyed and a team spirit was developed which will be of value next year, and later. No matter what the conditions—and the weather was frequently appalling—the boys played delightful football—skilful, bright and enthusiastic. Success must be attributed to the team as a whole, though in match after match, the two notable things were the constructive skill of Jones, S., and the manner in which Canon, P., the captain, dominated the centre of the field.

Allen, D., was consistently clever and dangerous on the wing, Limmer, M., worked neatly and tremendously hard at inside left; Burdett, G., was a most successful, live and thrustful centre, scoring twenty goals; and on his day, Cole, J., was a baffling right-winger. Dowling, J., and Morgan, W., were exceptionally strong at wing-half; Woolhouse, M., a determined back, with Pearce, I., his partner, putting his whole heart into his work; and Binfield, N., in goal, always inspired confidence.

We were very strong in reserves: Bateman will be an excellent centre-forward—he has the gift of scoring from unexpected positions. Woodman, W., Rockett, R., and Foster, M., played several times and each time with skill and enthusiasm. Smith, G., is a very promising back, whilst Pitman, J., Ochiltree, B., Gale, C., Viggers, C., and Miles, R., also helped to maintain our record.

In the Senior League nine matches were played and all were won. Goals: For 52; Against 2 (1 penalty). Comment is superfluous. In friendly games, five matches were won and two drawn (v. Uxbridge). Goals: For 28; Against 8. In each of these games at least four team changes had to be made.

The chance was welcomed to encourage those boys who were just too old for the Intermediate XI but rather young for the Senior Side.

To sum up the reason. It was one of tangible success in the shape of the District Championship Cup, an unbeaten record and an outstanding goal average; and the outlook for future seasons, provided the players maintain their spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation and also their practice, is unquestionably good.

#### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE XI

The restarting of the Slough and District F.A. this year has given the younger members of the School a much-needed chance to do their share in maintaining the prestige of the Grammar School in sport. Indeed, this year they have been able to put the School's name where it should be—at the top.

Our youngest-of-all team, the Intermediates, played well from the start, and by the end of the Autumn Term a sound and tried team had been built up; nevertheless, victory was by no means certain, for they were second to Langley in league position.

After the "Long Snow" had made the normal fixture list unplayable, our boys had their chance. The four top teams were drawn to settle the Championship as a "knock-out." It was not only superior skill, but also the steady determination of each member of the team to give his best, and each one's reliance upon the others to do their share, which enabled Schaffer, on behalf of the team, to "bring back the Cup."

The members of the team were: F. Schaffer (Capt.), A. Davies, M. J. Groombridge, W. Jones, P. Lowen, R. M. Morey, J. D. Thorniley, H. J. Vandepeer, T. Woods, K. Worrall, R. R. Young.

It will be interesting to see how many of these names appear in the 1950 Magazine under the heading "1st XI"!

S.B.

#### CRICKET 1947

##### FIRST ELEVEN

*Officials.*—Captain: D. T. G. Morgan; Vice-Captain: D. D. Locke.

*Team.*—A. Benjamin, R. Buckland, T. Ferguson, D. D. Locke, J. K. McDougall, D. T. G. Morgan, V. Price, R. H. Sargood, M. J. Shave, T. Winchester, E. Yallop, H. Prior.

##### RESULTS

- v. Egham, H. Lost: School 65 (Morgan 19 n.o., Locke 15), Egham 69 for 7 (Price 3 for 15).
- v. Maidenhead, A. Lost: Maidenhead 75 (Locke 3 for 12, Shave 3 for 15), School 32 (Sargood 11).
- v. Wycombe Technical, A. Lost: Wycombe 40 (Hunt 3 for 5, Price 3 for 9, Yallop 3 for 7), School 23.
- v. Egham, A. Lost: Egham 21 for 1, School 15.
- v. Wycombe R.G.S., A. Lost: Wycombe 133 for 4 decl., School 52 (Sargood 21).
- v. Marlow, H. School 48 for 3 (Prior 18), Marlow 37 (Yallop 2 for 8, Price 2 for 7, Shave 5 for 7).
- v. Maidenhead, H. Won: School 58 for 7 decl. (Locke 13 n.o.), Maidenhead 10 (Locke 5 for 2, Yallop 5 for 1).

The remaining fixtures for the 1st XI are:—  
Home: Slough Technical, Wycombe Technical, Windsor County School, Old Paludians.

Away: Slough Juniors, Windsor County, Marlow.

The match versus the Staff is to be played on Wednesday, 23rd July.

##### SECOND ELEVEN

*Team.*—A. D. Akers, R. Cother, A. Culverhouse, B. N. Farr (Vice-Captain), T. Ferguson, J. Grant, P. Jefferies, D. A. Lane (Captain), D. W. Morgan, L. Roberts, C. Thompson.  
H. Prior and A. Benjamin played several games for the 2nd XI before promotion to the 1st XI.

##### RESULTS

- v. Egham, A. Lost: Egham 45 (Prior 3 for 9, Smith 3 for 5), School 40 (Prior 17).
- v. Maidenhead, H. Won: School 56 for 6 (Prior 17), Maidenhead 55 (Lane 8 for 17).
- v. Wycombe Technical, H. Won: School 48 for 7 (Benjamin 14, Cother 14), Wycombe 14 (Lane 5 for 6, Prior 5 for 8).
- v. Wycombe R.G.S., H. Lost: School 50 (Ferguson 16), Wycombe 54 (Lane 8 for 20).
- v. Egham, H. Lost: School 13, Egham 19 (Ferguson 6 for 12, Lane 4 for 6).
- v. Marlow, A. Won: Marlow 36 (Grant 4 for 12, Lane 3 for 15), School 37 for 3 (Roberts 18).
- v. Maidenhead, A. Lost: Maidenhead 60, School 22 (Grant 10).

##### THIRD ELEVEN

*Team.*—D. Allen, V. Amos, N. L. Binfield, G. J. Burdett (Captain), P. Cannon, J. C. Dowling, R. H. Fidler (Vice-Captain), M. G. Limmer, R. Miles, R. Neale, I. L. Pearce. Reserve: D. Cory.

##### RESULTS

- v. Egham, A. Lost: Egham 52 (Fidler 4 for 8), School 21.
- v. Maidenhead, A. Won: Maidenhead 13 (Neale 2 for 0, Amos 4 for 10, Canon 4 for 3), School 61 for 7 (Canon 13, Amos 20, Neale 13 n.o.).
- v. Egham, H. Lost: School 19, Egham 56 (Canon 3 for 19, Amos 4 for 19).
- v. Maidenhead, H. Won: School 82 (Amos 18, Dowling 24), Maidenhead 16 (Canon 7 for 3, Fidler 3 for 3).



## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Because of the snow and ice-bound condition of the countryside during most of the Spring Term, cross-country fixtures were few and far between. In what fixtures there were, the School team did well, though not so well as they would have done had training begun in September and not, as was the case, a fortnight before the first race against High Wycombe Grammar School in December. Next season training must begin in September whatever difficulties there may be at that season to prevent the use of the School course.

Credit for hard racing is due to the following boys, who ran for the first team: J. Gregory, A. W. Elderfield, P. J. Welch, M. J. Shave, A. Welster, S. Jones, G. Stanton, R. Cother, C. Bateman, P. J. Haisman, J. Ferguson, P. Bailey, D. Pearce and R. T. Harding.

The junior teams put up good performances in the Slough and District Schools' Championship at Eton Fields—particularly R. Rowell and H. Delve—and, generally speaking, it is evident from the amount of good material there is in the School that some very successful cross-country seasons lie ahead.

Finally, there has to be a word of congratulation for J. Gregory, who led the first team splendidly and who carried out his duties as captain most efficiently.

## SWIMMING SPORTS 1946

The annual Swimming Sports were held on Thursday, June 27th, 1946, and resulted in some very keen racing and finishes, including two records broken; one might also say that if these Sports were run on the House system—and the roars of support in the House Relay would appear to make this popular—the House positions would have been: (1) Hampden, 25 points; (2) Gray, 21 points; (3) Herschel, 15 points; (4) Milton, 8 points.

The Individual Champion was D. Field with 9 points, who won the 200 Yards (Free Style), the One Length (Breast Stroke) in the record time of 22 2/5secs., and the One Length (Free Style). The runner-up was P. D. Scott with 6 points. The other record was by D. T. Rees (Class II), who did the One Length (Free Style) in 25 4/5secs. W. Gutteridge was Class II champion with 6 points, and R. McKay won most points (viz. 5) in Class III.

The House Relay was won by Herschel in 1min. 49 2/5secs., against the record of Milton in 1944 of 1min. 44 2/5 secs.

R. McKay distinguished himself in the Dives—and a word of praise is due to G. Mayor, who entered both Class II and the Open Dives, being third in both.

The light relief was provided by the Horseback Knock-Out, won by M. Ford, ridden by J. P. Heslop, the champion jockey for 1946. In the Diving for Plates, M. Ford knew that he had to retrieve all twelve to beat R. Knight's eleven, and stayed under long enough to do this.

## DETAILED RESULTS

*Classes.*—Open: All ages; II: 13-15 on 31st December 1946; III: Under 13 on 31st December 1946.

*100 Yards (Free Style), Open.*—1. P. D. Scott; 2. A. J. Lucas; 3. M. J. Shave. Time: 1min. 40sec.

*One Length (Back Stroke), Open.*—1. P. D. Scott; 2. E. R. Pelling; 3. M. J. Shave. Time: 33 1/5sec.

*One Length (Free Style), Open.*—1. D. Field; 2. E. A. Pearce; 3. R. Knight. Time: 22 1/5sec.

*200 Yards (Free Style), Open.*—1. D. Field; 2. E. R. Pelling; 3. E. A. Pearce. Time: 3mins. 23sec.

*One Length (Breast Stroke), Open.*—1. D. Field; 2. A. J. Lucas; 3. M. J. Shave. Time: 22 2/5sec. (Record).

*One Length (Free Style), Class II.*—1. D. T. Rees, W. Gutteridge; 3. J. A. W. Knight. Time: 24 4/5sec. (Record).



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*One Length (Breast Stroke), Class II.*—1. L. Roberts; 2. J. A. W. Knight; 3. W. Gutteridge. Time: 29sec.

*One Length (Free Style), Class III.*—1. W. Jones; 2. D. Perkins; 3. D. J. Everett. Time: 37 4/5sec.

*One Length (Breast Stroke), Class III.*—1. A. Davies; 2. R. McKay; 3. D. J. Everett. Time: 37 4/5sec.

*Best Three Dives, Open.*—1. J. A. W. Knight; 2. E. A. Pearce; 3. G. Mayor.

*Best Three Dives, Class II.*—1. W. Gutteridge; 2. J. A. W. Knight; 3. G. Mayor.

*Knock-Out "Horse-Back" Tournament.*—M. Ford and J. P. Heslop.

*Diving for Plates.*—1. M. Ford; 2. R. Knight; 3. E. A. Pearce.

*Inter-House Relay (4 x 1 Length Free Style).*—Herschel. Time: 1min. 49 2/5sec.

### BUCKS. A.A.A. TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Held at Halton, 1st June, 1946)

R. E. Hurn and E. R. Pelling represented School in the Junior 880 Yards Championship and P. J. Rolls in the 100 Yards Championship. All the boys ran well in such select company.

R. E. Hurn won his heat in 2min. 15sec., the fastest time recorded for the event, securing a Standard Medal for his performance. Unfortunately, he pulled a leg muscle and was unable to run in the Final.

P. J. Rolls won his heat in 11sec. and secured third place in the Final—a fine performance.

A team of four took part in a Youth Organisation Relay Race and secured third place out of five teams.

### BUCKS. COUNTY SCHOOLS' A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

(Held at Halton on 29th June, 1946)

As all the competitors taking part in these races were the respective District Champions in their particular events and as, from the results, the team to represent Bucks. in the All-England Championships would be selected, keen racing and good times were expected and were, indeed, obtained.

School supplied the following as District representatives:—100 Yards: P. J. Rolls and D. T. Anderson; 220 Yards: P. J. Rolls and R. W. Harris; 440 Yards: R. Cother; 880 Yards: M. J. Shave and J. Gregory; Relay: P. J. Rolls, R. W. Harris, D. T. Anderson. As the District could nominate only two for each event and we secured three out of four in the Relay, the School is to be congratulated.

P. J. Rolls won the 220 Yards in the record time of 24.2sec., cutting the existing record by .7sec. He also won the 100 Yards in 10.8sec., again lowering the record by 1/5sec. We also secured third place in the 440 Yards, third place in the 880 Yards and a dead-heat for first place in the Relay Race.

As a result, the following boys were chosen to represent Bucks. in the All-England Inter-County Championships at Eton on July 20th:—880 Yards: R. Griffiths; 220 Yards: P. J. Rolls and R. W. Harris; 440 Yards: R. Cother (reserve); Relay Team: P. J. Rolls and R. W. Harris.

### ALL-ENGLAND INTER-COUNTY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Held at Eton on 20th July, 1946)

Teams from twenty counties took part, and the number of competitors was about nine hundred.

The day was ideal from every point of view.

The athletes under their county banners paraded before the Headmaster of Eton in Olympic fashion, P. J. Rolls, as captain of the Bucks. team, having the honour and privilege of acting as Marshal.

The Bucks. team rose to the occasion: the girls' section tied for first place and the boys secured third place. Bucks. secured first place in the 880 Yards and second



place in the Boys' Relay, while the girls' section scored heavily in the Long Jump and Hurdles.

P. J. Rolls had the misfortune to fall in the 220 Yards, twenty yards from the tape, when he was leading by eight yards. This misfortune cost him the race. Later, however, Rolls and his partner, R. W. Harris, ran magnificently throughout the Relay Races. The final was an epic. In the last leg, Rolls and his rival from Lancashire ran breast to breast through the entire distance, Lancashire securing first place by a foot.

### BUCKS. A.A. CROSS-COUNTRY JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

(Held at Booker, High Wycombe, 11th January, 1947)

This contest took place under the worst kind of wintry conditions.

Nine teams provided sixty-two runners.

School secured fifth place, with a total of 85 points. J. Gregory, 10th, Elderfield, 19th, P. J. Welch, 25th, and G. Stanton, 31st, were the counters; A. Webster and S. Jones, 32nd, I. Ferguson, 35th, and C. Bateman, 40th, all ran well.

J. Gregory's time of 20min. 4sec. compares favourably with the winner's time of 19min. 17sec.

### SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS STANDARD TIMES, HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES

	Class I	Class II	Class III
220 Yards .....	27sec.	29sec.	30sec.
880 Yards .....	2min. 25sec.	—	—
High Jump .....	4ft. 8in.	4ft. 3in.	3ft. 9in.
Long Jump .....	17ft. 6in.	14ft. 9in.	13ft.
Javelin .....	115ft.	—	—
Shot .....	45ft.	34ft.	30ft.
Discus .....	95ft.	65ft.	—
Hop, Step and Jump .....	—	—	27ft.

(A Competitor who reaches the above standard in any event scores a point for his House towards the Championship.)

### RECORDS

#### CLASS I.

100 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1946), 11sec.  
220 Yards.—F. B. Jackson (1943), 24 1/5sec.  
Half-Mile.—F. Biggs (1942), 2min. 12sec.  
High Jump.—J. H. V. Gecks (1937), 5ft. 6in.  
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1944), 20ft. 10in.  
Javelin.—P. Ford (1943), 138ft. 2in.  
Shot.—P. Ford (1943), 50ft. 10in.  
Discus.—W. H. Dyer (1940), 107ft. 7 1/2in.

#### CLASS II.

100 Yards.—G. Fuller (1937), 12 1/5sec.  
220 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1944), 26 2/5sec.  
High Jump.—D. S. Palmer (1940), 4ft. 7 1/2in.  
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1939), 16ft. 5 1/2in.  
Shot.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 42ft. 4in.  
Discus.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944), 82ft.

#### CLASS III.

100 Yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1947), 12 4/5sec.  
220 Yards.—P. J. Rolls (1942), 29 4/5sec.  
High Jump.—P. Arnold (1947), 4ft. 2in.  
Long Jump.—B. Lucas (1947), 15ft. 6 1/2in.  
Shot.—I. Jones (1947), 38ft. 9in.  
Hop, Step and Jump.—D. Werrell (1942), 28ft. 8in.

## SPORTS 1947

The Sports Heats had been previously run off and were notable this year for the breaking of two records in Class III: D. T. S. Groome (G.) did the 100 Yards in 12 4/5sec., so breaking E. J. Packham's record of 13 4/5sec., established in 1939, and P. Arnold (He.) raised the High Jump record by one inch, from 4ft. 1in., established by D. S. Palmer in 1938, to 4ft. 2in.

The One-Mile Open Handicap had also been previously run off, and an excellent race was won by H. Morgan (Ha.), in the very good time of 5min. 9sec. (off 30 yards). P. J. Haisman (He.), who was a very good second, was closely followed by M. J. Shave (He.), third, A. J. Lake (He.), fourth, and P. J. Welch (He.), fifth, all of whom contributed to a close and exciting finish.

The Sports Finals took place in perfect weather on May 22nd, and the House Championship, with which goes the Headmaster's Cup, was won by Gray (Captain, D. T. G. Morgan) with 117 1/2 points. Herschel was second with 70 1/2 points, Hampden (last year's winners) third with 58 points and Milton fourth with 46 points. These points were won in the three classes as follows:—

	G.	Ha.	He.	M.
Class III	33	8	28	23
Class II	57 1/2	14	10 1/2	11
Class I	27	36	32	12

In Class III, two more records were broken. B. Lucas (G.) did 15ft 6 1/2in., a splendid jump, in the Long Jump to break M. Ford's record of 14ft. 10in., established in 1942, and I. Jones (He.), by Putting the Shot at 38ft. 9in., broke D. A. Lane's record of 37ft. 6in., established in 1944. No records were broken in either Class I or Class II.

Points gained from Standard times, heights and distances, which are set out on a previous page, were won in the three classes as follows:—

	G.	Ha.	He.	M.	Total
Class III	6	5	6	5	22
Class II	13	3	2	5	23
Class I	3	7	5	2	17

The Individual Champion (Johnson Cup) was H. Morgan (Ha.), whose 16 points were obtained as follows: High Jump (1st), 4 points; Long Jump (3rd), 2 points; Throwing the Javelin (1st), 4 points; Throwing the Discus (3rd), 2 points; Half-Mile (1st), 4 points (Robinson Cup). In addition, Morgan won the One Mile Open Handicap and achieved several standards (which contribute only to the House Championship)—a worthy champion and a splendid all-round result. The runners-up for the Individual Championship were R. W. Harris (G.), who had the bad luck to be suffering from a pulled muscle, 11 points, M. Ford (He.), 9 points, and D. T. Anderson (Ha.), 7 points.

In Class II, most points were gained for his House by D. T. Rees (G.) (23 points), who holds the Smith Cup for this achievement. Rees won the 100 Yards, the High Jump and Throwing the Discus, was second in the 220 Yards, fourth in the Long Jump and second in Putting the Shot. In addition, he achieved four Standards and was a member of the winning Gray House Relay Team—another fine all-round performance.

In Class III, I. Jones (He.), who gained 16 points for Herschel House, was the unofficial champion. He came second in 100 Yards (under 12 years 6 months), third in the 220 Yards (under 12 years 6 months), second in the Long Jump, first in Putting the Shot and in the Hop, Step and Jump. He also achieved three Standards and holds the Steil Cup for this very good result.

After the Sports, Lady Howard-Vyse graciously presented the Trophies and Certificates and brought the proceedings to a conclusion by an agreeable speech of congratulation to all concerned.

## DETAILED RESULTS

*House Championship (Headmaster's Cup).*—1. Gray, 117½ points; 2. Herschel, 70½ points; 3. Hampden, 58 points; 4. Milton, 46 points.

*Individual Championship (Johnson Cup).*—1. H. Morgan (Ha.), 16 points; 2. R. W. Harris (G.), 11 points; 3. M. Ford (He.), 9 points; 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.), 7 points.

*Highest Number of Points Gained for House.*—Class II (Smith Cup): D. T. Rees (G.), 23 points; Class III (Steil Cup): I. Jones (He.), 16 points.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

(Boys whose names are printed in *italic* achieved Standards)

### CLASS III.

*100 Yards (under 12 years 6 months).*—1. M. Wheatley (M.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. P. Arnold (He.); 4. J. W. Myles (He.). Time: 13 3/5sec.

*220 Yards (under 12 years 6 months).*—1. M. Wheatley (M.); 2. M. J. Taylor (He.); 3. I. Jones (He.); 4. P. Arnold (He.). Time: 30 4/5sec.

*100 Yards (open).*—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. M. Wheatley (M.); 3. R. Rockett (He.); 4. R. E. Faulkner (G.). Time: 13 1/5sec.

In the heats, T. W. S. Groome broke the record, which now stands at 12 4/5sec.

*220 Yards (open).*—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. M. Wheatley (M.); 3. D. R. Rolls (M.); 4. D. Harrison (G.). Time: 30 3/5sec.

*High Jump.*—1. D. Perkins (G.); 2. B. Lucas (G.); P. Arnold (He.); 4. L. Williams (He.). Height: 4ft.

The record, which now stands at 4ft. 2in., was broken by P. Arnold in the preliminary jumps.

Standards were also achieved by J. Bell, R. Faulkner, V. H. Gillham, G. Goss, M. J. Haisman, R. H. King, R. B. Morey, J. Rainer, T. M. Smith.

*Long Jump.*—1. D. H. Bester (Ha.), R. Davey (G.); 3. E. Dunster (He.), D. T. Rees N. Reynolds (M.). Distance: 15ft. 6½in. (*Record*).

*Putting the Shot.*—1. I. Jones (He.); 2. D. Perkins (G.); 3. D. R. Rolls (M.); 4. D. Reader (He.). Distance: 38ft. 9in. (*Record*).

Standard was also achieved by F. Wicks.

*Hop, Step and Jump.*—1. I. Jones (He.); 2. P. Roach (M.); 3. D. R. Rolls (M.); 4. R. Peters (He.). Distance: 27ft. 3in.

*Relay.*—1. Herschel (P. Arnold, I. Jones, R. Rockett, M. J. Taylor); 2. Gray; 3. Milton; 4. Hampden. Time: 59 3/5sec.

### CLASS II.

*100 Yards.*—1. D. T. Rees (G.); 2. R. H. Fidler (G.); 3. W. J. Woodman (G.); 4. J. C. Dowling (He.) and W. Loring (G.). Time: 12 2/5sec.

*220 Yards.*—1. D. H. Bester (Ha.); 2. D. T. Rees (G.); 3. W. J. Woodman (G.); 4. R. A. Fidler (G.). Time: 27 4/5sec.

Standard was also achieved by A. Benjamin.

*High Jump.*—1. D. T. Rees (G.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. G. B. Bateman (M.); 4. W. Loring (G.). Height: 4ft. 7in.

Standards were also achieved by D. H. Bester and J. B. Ford.

*Long Jump.*—1. D. H. Bester (Ha.), R. Davey (G.); 3. E. Dunster (He.), D. T. Rees (G.). Distance: 15ft. 3in.

*Putting the Shot.*—1. A. Benjamin (G.); 2. D. T. Rees (G.); 3. D. W. Morgan (G.); 4. E. Dunster (He.). Distance: 37ft. 9in.

Standards were also achieved by D. Jacques and G. Pottow.

*Throwing the Discus.*—1. D. T. Rees (G.); 2. E. Dunster (He.); 3. A. Benjamin (G.); and D. W. Morgan (G.). Distance: 72ft. 11in.

*Relay.*—1. Gray (R. H. Fidler, W. Loring, D. T. Rees, W. J. Woodman); 2. Hampden; 3. Herschel; 4. Milton. Time: 1min. 25 4/5sec.

### CLASS I.

*100 Yards.*—1. R. W. Harris (G.); 2. P. H. Raymond (G.); 3. R. Cother (M.); 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.). Time: 11 3/5sec.

*220 Yards.*—1. R. W. Harris (G.); 2. D. T. Anderson (Ha.); 3. R. Cother (M.); 4. I. K. McDougall (G.). Time: 26 4/5sec.

Standards were also achieved by H. Morgan and P. J. Welch.

*High Jump.*—1. H. Morgan (Ha.); 2. P. J. Haisman (He.); 3. J. Gregory (Ha.) and A. Mabbott (He.). Height: 4ft. 9in.

*Long Jump.*—1. J. K. McDougall (G.); 2. R. W. Harris (G.); 3. H. Morgan (Ha.); 4. M. Ford (He.). Distance: 17ft. 6in.

*Putting the Shot.*—1. M. Ford (He.); 2. B. Field (M.); 3. M. Shave (He.); 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.). Distance: 39ft. 1in.

*Throwing the Javelin.*—1. H. Morgan (Ha.); 2. E. Yallop (Ha.); 3. W. E. H. Culling (He.); 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.). Distance: 127½ft.

*Throwing the Discus.*—1. M. Ford (He.); 2. M. Slater (He.); 3. H. Morgan (Ha.); 4. D. T. Anderson (Ha.). Distance: 89ft. 3in.

*Half-Mile (Robinson Cup).*—1. H. Morgan (Ha.); 2. I. Ferguson (G.); 3. R. Cother (M.); 4. P. J. Welch (He.). Time: 2min. 18 1/5sec.

*Relay.*—1. Hampden (D. T. Anderson, J. Gregory, H. Morgan, E. Yallop); 2. Herschel; 3. Gray; 4. Milton.

### OPEN EVENT.

*One Mile Handicap.*—1. H. Morgan (Ha.); 2. P. J. Haisman (He.); 3. M. J. Shave (He.); 4. A. J. Lake (He.). Time: 5min. 9sec. (off 30 yards).

## SCHOOL VISITS

### A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

During the Autumn Term last year on Wednesday, 6th of November, Form IIIa visited the Theatre Royal at Windsor to see the presentation of the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Boys had to travel to Windsor from the School of their own accord, and, so great was the eagerness to witness the play, that every member of the form was there to see the curtains rise at 2.30 p.m.

They were well rewarded! The play, which was full of fun, showed Shakespeare laughing at life, particularly at love-making. The threads of the plot were woven skilfully together—the love-making of the mortals, the fairies and their pranks in all the enchanting scenery of the woodland, and Bottom and his companions performing their own play amid roars of laughter.

Everything ended happily, everyone having enjoyed the play.

D. BOWERS (IIIa).

### SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER

On Wednesday, 22nd January, Form Lower Va, accompanied by two masters, travelled from Slough to Amersham to see a performance, by the Guildford Players, of Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer."

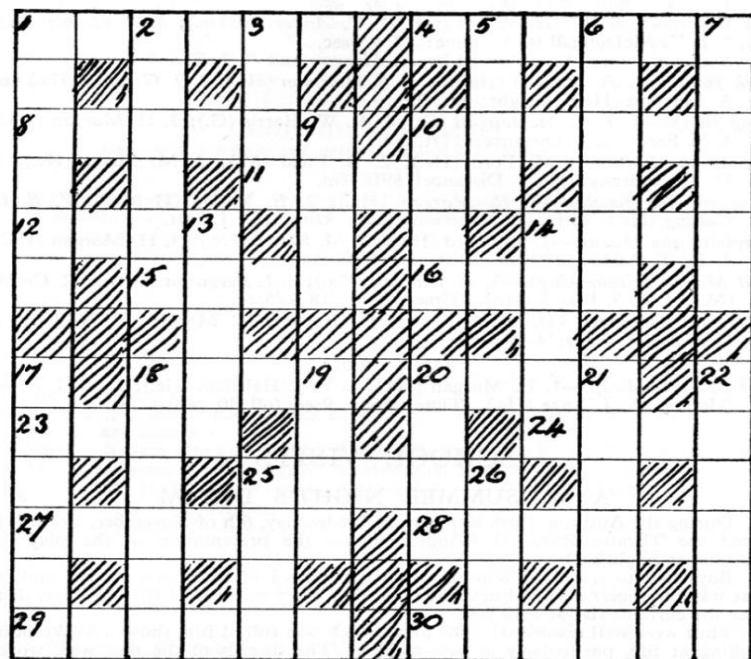
The venue of this play was a tiny hall which had recently been converted into a repertory theatre. Thus the cast was acting under the considerable handicap of a small and cramped stage. The production was, nevertheless, most creditable.

"She Stoops to Conquer" is excellent material—witty and humorous, yet comparatively short and needing no elaborate scenery; which factors all tended to simplify somewhat the task of the actors. They are, however, to be congratulated on a fine performance. The humour of the piece was fully exploited (two scenes, in particular, had the whole audience rocking with laughter), diction was good, and acting remarkably so. It was, in fact, a very pleasant afternoon's entertainment.

E. C. GARNER (Lva).



# CROSSWORD.



## ACROSS.

1. Unit of electric current.
4. Frozen water.
8. China clay.
10. Form of calcium carbonate.
11. Swedish inventor of dynamite.
12. Machine for weaving.
14. Waste product of blast furnace.
15. One of the rare gases of the atmosphere.
16. Form of carbon.
18. Half (prefix).
20. Impure silica.
23. Shakespearean king.
24. Absolute unit of force.
25. English physicist famous for gas law.
27. Stated laws of gravitation and motion.
28. First eight lines of a sonnet.
29. Middle.
30. Spun by a caterpillar.

## CLUES.

## DOWN.

1. Soluble base.
2. Constituent of atomic nucleus.
3. Destruction.
5. Fuel.
6. Metal usually found in alloys for magnets.
7. Capacity for doing work.
9. Mid-day.
10. Make dirty.
13. German chemist.
14. Has a velocity of roughly 760 m.p.h.
17. The dental ——— enables one to miss school.
18. British naturalist.
19. Common metal.
20. Alone.
21. Device for converting mechanical energy into electrical energy.
22. British river.
25. Danish physicist; developed theory of atomic structure.
26. Sound reflection.

# L'AVARE

In November of last year a party of Sixth Form boys, under the leadership of Mr. Collin, went to the French Institute in London to see a performance of Molière's "L'Avare." We had expected to enjoy it, for the play itself is one of the greatest French comedies of all time; and we were by no means disappointed in our expectations. The sheer comedy of many of the situations, coupled with the excellence of the acting—and here special praise is due to the actor who played the part of the miser, Hapagan—made the visit one not to be easily forgotten. It was obvious, too, that the brilliance of the play has remained undimmed in spite of the two hundred and eighty odd years from the date of its first performance.

The theatre itself was small, but extremely pleasant, and the seats were luxurious. Unfortunately, however, the managers of the theatre had thought fit to decorate it with ugly and garish trappings, which further helped to minimise the size of the stage. But mechanical defects are of no importance; "the play's the thing," and here there could be no complaints.

H. D. SALMON (VI).

## EASTER SCHOOL CAMP AT KESWICK, 1947

The School Camp, Grammar School for Boys, Slough, was held at Crosthwaite, nr. Keswick, Cumberland. The party consisted of 29 boys, 3 members of the teaching staff, and Mr. and Mrs. Charman of the Domestic Staff. Other helpers joined the party in the Lake District.

With the considerable help of a grant of £100 from the County Education Committee, the organiser was able to hire a coach to transport the party to and from Crosthwaite and for use in the Lake District.

The party left Slough on March 30th, spent a night at Sharpcliffe Hall, Ibstone Ridge, Derbyshire, through the courtesy of the Youth Hostel Association, and reached its destination on March 31st. The School Camp continued until April 10th, when the return journey was made in one day.

The Cumberland Education Committee and the Managers and Headmaster of the Crosthwaite School placed at our disposal the School premises with its canteen and equipment and mattresses and blankets. This accommodation proved adequate and comfortable.

From the beginning, camp life moved smoothly. The boys were happy and interested and quickly settled down to the new conditions of life. The canteen arrangements were rather less fortunate. Two helpers had unfortunately to make a premature departure. Fresh vegetables were difficult to obtain until we made contacts which ensured a good supply. By the week-end more help was available and the situation became fully satisfactory. The main object of the visit was to give these South country and urbanised boys a complete change of environment. It was anticipated that this change would bring reality to text-book knowledge and conceptions of mountains, and the effects of ice and water erosion. In addition, it was hoped that an impression would be left on the minds of the boys of another way of life harmonised with the facts of the physical background.

The programme was deliberately left elastic. The organisers relied on their knowledge of the Lake District to extemporise a walking programme to meet the vagaries of the weather. Pre-planning consisted only in the arrangement of a visit to the Cumberland Collieries and visits to the camp by local worthies to give evening talks to the boys. Fortunate contacts on the spot enabled us to add to our visitors and made it possible to extend our outdoor activities to a sheep farm and an Iron and Steel Works. The day-to-day programme gives an idea of the range of useful activity that was accomplished.

Tuesday, April 1st.

A short day walk to Skiddaw summit. Conditions near the top proved Arctic and the party had a severe introduction to Fell walking. In the evening, Dr. Wakefield, noted Lakeland walker, gave a talk on "Fell-walking."

*Wednesday, April 2nd.*

A visit, arranged through the courtesy of the National Coal Board, to the Haig Colliery, Whitehaven; Solway Colliery, Workington; Risebow Colliery, Maryport. The utmost consideration and hospitality were shown. Each party spent several hours underground and were later provided with showers and refreshments.

In the evening, Mr. Hartley, a local valley farmer and dairyman, gave a talk at the camp on "Farming in the Lake District."

*Thursday, April 3rd.*

A full day was spent on the Fells. The boys adapted themselves to the new form of walking and accomplished an 18-mile round of Grisedale, Grasmoor, Eel Crag, Sail and Causey Pike.

*Friday, April 4th.*

Another full day on the Fells. Two parties set out. One climbed Saddleback by Sharp Edge. The other travelled by coach along Ullswater to Patterdale and did the Striding Edge ascent of Helvellyn.

In the evening, Mr. John Hayton, a Threlkeld schoolmaster, with a considerable gift for photography and a reputation as a Fell-walker and rock-climber, visited the camp to give the boys a talk and a show of films and strip films on the scenery of the Lake District, a rock-climbing sequence, and mountain scenery in the Rockies. It was particularly interesting to see the characteristic mark of glaciation upon the scenery of the two areas.

*Saturday, April 5th.*

The Lake District favoured us with a display of exceptional rainfall—2½ in. in one day. This, in itself, was a geographical experience of some magnitude.

During the afternoon, Mr. Tom Wilson, an authority on Keswick history, gave the boys a 2-hour tour and talk on the ancient Crosthwaite Church. The quality of this effort was shown by the sustained interest of the boys. They finished with an impromptu choir practice, which led to an invitation to join the choir for the Easter Sunday morning service.

*Sunday, April 6th.*

Morning Service at the Church.

The afternoon and evening were spent on a visit to Watenlath Tarn. A launch was hired to take the party along Derwentwater to Lodore landing-stage. This was followed by a walk through the Jaws of Borrowdale to Rosthwaite and the climb over to Watendlath. Here, by arrangement, we had tea. The return journey, in the evening, was made by a walk back to Lodore and the reverse launch trip to Keswick.

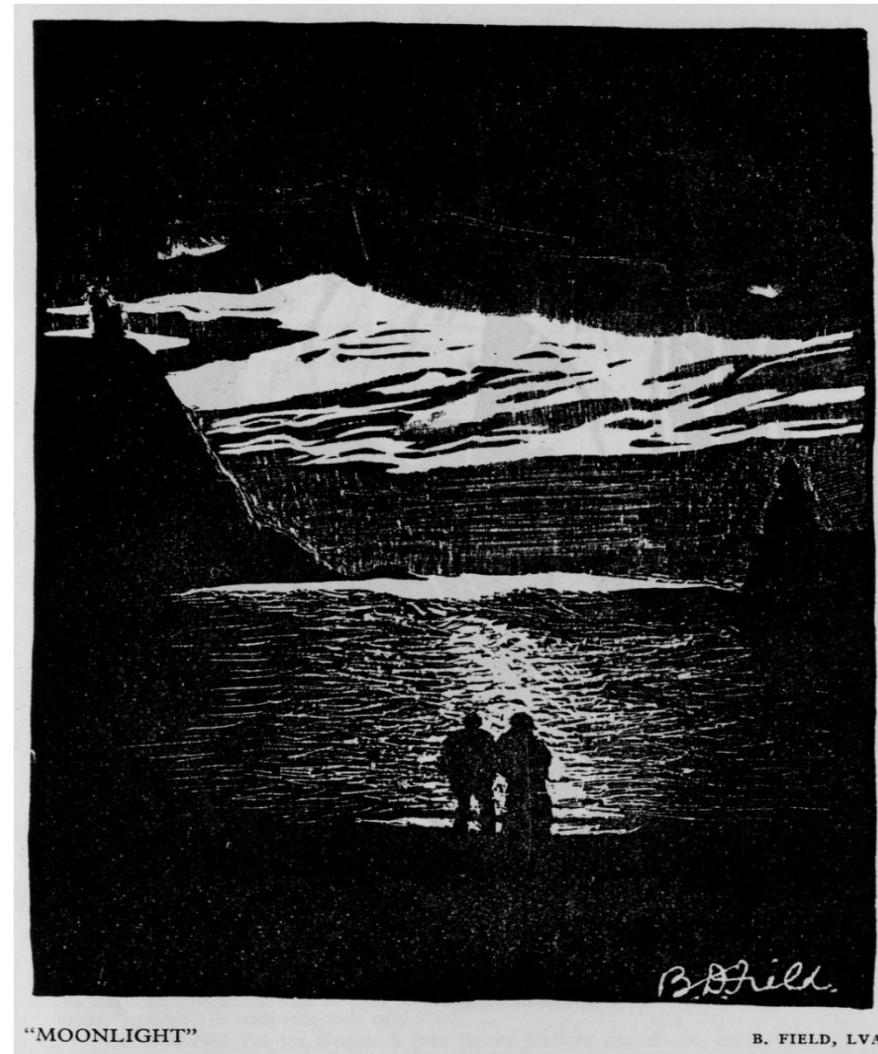
*Monday, April 7th.*

A big Fell day had been planned for this day. We travelled by coach through Borrowdale to Seatoller. From here four parties make their way to the mountains.

- (a) Grain Gill to Scawfell Pike and return via Sty Head.
- (b) Sty Head and Esk Hause to Bowfell. This party had to turn back from Bowfell because of the severe and dangerous going; it returned over Glaramara.
- (c) Sty Head and tourist route to Great Gable. Return via Green Gable, Brandreth and Grey Knotts to Honister.
- (d) Sty Head, Gable high level traverse and scramble to summit; return as (c).

*Tuesday, April 8th.*

The second wet day of the visit. Mr. Tom Wilson gave a talk on the history of Keswick in the afternoon. In the evening the party went by coach to Threlkeld and Birkett Bank, the home of a famous sheep-farmer, Mr. Joe Relph. He, and his dogs, have been employed in the making of several British films requiring a sheep-dog sequence. We were most fortunate to see a first-class demonstration of the essential partnership of man and animal in the work of Fell-farming. His talk and his replies to many questions rounded off the practical insight he had given the boys of his day-to-day life.



"MOONLIGHT"

B. FIELD, LVA

"SHIP AT SEA"



J. KNIGHT, IVB

Wednesday, April 9th.

A small party set off with the determination to make a thorough survey, in a walking sense, of Helvellyn.

The rest of the party went by coach to Workington for a visit to the large Iron and Steel Works there. Again, every consideration was shown. The party was divided into three groups and all had a splendid opportunity to observe the important operations in this work.

The programme indicates the wide range of fresh experiences made available to the boys. Their interest and enjoyment, their very evident appreciation of the informal talks, their constant questioning and insatiable activity at all spare moments to explore the neighbourhood, were sources of constant satisfaction to the organisers.

We feel that we have opened new vistas of interest and enjoyment for most of these boys. They have been provided with a valuable and disciplined introduction to Fell-walking, carrying, as it does, important obligations on the part of the walkers. They have been provided with a new background to their work in history and geography. The new insight into these subjects should prove a real tonic to their future work in the School.

It remains to put on record our appreciation of the goodwill shown to us by many people in Keswick. The boys made a very good impression and a number of local people showed a great willingness to help us.

Our thanks are further due to the Bucks. County Education Committee and the Governors and Headmaster of the Grammar School for Boys, Slough. The generous financial aid and other co-operation removed many difficulties and made it possible to organise a visit within the reach of all pockets.

#### IMPRESSIONS D'UN PREMIER SEJOUR EN ANGLETERRE

De nombreux anglais m'ont dit le plaisir qu'ils avaient à passer chaque année leurs vacances en France en l'heureux temps de l'avant-guerre. Je puis à mon tour dire le plaisir que j'ai pris à cette année passée à Slough qui m'apparaît vraiment comme une longue période de vacances. Plaisir décuplé pour avoir été attendu si longtemps durant toutes les années de guerre, aussi parce qu'il a duré dix mois et que, pour amis, au lieu d'un ou deux compatriotes de rencontre, j'avais toute une école de cinq cent joyeux garçons. Et je crois que ce sont ces contacts, répétés sans être trop fréquents, avec ces garçons que je ne pouvais considérer comme élèves et que je préférerais traiter en jeunes camarades, je crois que ce sont ces libres contacts où toutes les questions—les plus diverses et les plus étonnantes—m'étaient posées, qui me laissent cette impression de vacances. Vacances instructives toute fois, car en virant au contact des professeurs et des élèves j'ai pu noter les différences essentielles qui distinguent l'enseignement français de l'enseignement anglais et en particulier la grande place accordée par ce dernier à la culture plus humaine et morale qu'est la pratique des sports d'équipe; j'ai été aussi vivement frappé par le fait que les professeurs restent continuellement en contact avec leurs élèves et qu'après trente heures de présence—un professeur de lycée français ne travaille que de quinze à vingt heures en conditions normales—ils abandonnent généreusement de nombreuses heures de loisir pour accompagner les équipes sportives en leurs déplacements; de là une connaissance approfondie de la valeur de chacun, à tel point que lorsqu'un ancien élève, de nombreuses années après sa sortie de l'école, sollicite un "testimonial," ses anciens maîtres, sans avoir recours à leurs notes peuvent donner avec précision des détails sur sa conduite et son travail. J'ai aussi appris beaucoup d'autres choses sur l'Angleterre, sur son courage en particulier en les moments difficiles qu'elle traverse; j'ai vu les rues inondées, les transports bloqués par le froid et pour être moi-même resté plusieurs semaines sans chauffage au cœur de l'hiver, je sais ce que les Anglais endurent, et je sais aussi avec quel esprit "sportif" ils endurent tout cela.

De mon côté j'ai pu répéter à mes jeunes écoliers que toutes ces misères ne sont rien en comparaison de ce qu'aurait souffert une Angleterre vaincue: j'ai



vécu sous l'occupation allemande, et je sais ce que cela signifie! La lutte n'a pas été vaine.

Je ne formule qu'un vœu maintenant, c'est que cette immense curiosité pour tout ce qui touche à la France puisse se satisfaire par un séjour dans mon pays. Ce voyage sera pour mes jeunes amis plus que des vacances, plus qu'une aventure agréable, ce sera une expédition où ils auront eux aussi à souffrir les mêmes restrictions et les mêmes inconvénients mais à partager les mêmes joies et les mêmes espoirs. Ils pourront constater que la France et l'Angleterre déjà proches par l'esprit, le sont aussi par leurs luttes et leurs espérances.




A. LE VOT.

## A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY

### BRITAIN

O thou land of honoured statesmen,  
Whose policies of bygone years  
Have thee so oft to prosperous victory led,  
Lend thou guidance to this o'er-troubled world,  
Which, with dark turmoil of war, hath  
Of late been split and rent in twain,  
That its broils and tumults may be quieted,  
That all shall perish who,  
With tyrannous intent,  
Do cast aside the bounds and natural laws  
Of this our world, that, lusting for power,  
They may grasp it in their talons,  
Like a vulture clinging to its prey;  
That the soil, impoverished by misuse,  
May once again be fruitful made;  
That Peace, in goddess-form, may  
O'errule and hold the world within her grasp,  
Bringing to the wearisome globe  
A sense of quiet and of restfulness.  
This thy deed, then from a million lips, nay more,  
From every being of this densely-peopled sphere  
Shall come a song of grateful praise,  
A multitude of honours, that, in numbers,  
A vast colony of ants resemble.  
Such then thy due, yet may thy lofty head  
Ne'er with haughty arrogance be filled,  
Lest with mighty crash thine empire fall,  
Blasted by its own proud spirit.  
Thy task it is, oh Britain,  
To 'stablish peace upon this noisy earth,  
Such as lengthy space of time  
Ne'er shall violate, nor rend asunder.  
Only when this is done, shalt thou,  
O noble isle, but one of many, lying  
Midst the tempestuous seas of this vast earth,  
Prosper, and thy commerce increase with other nations.  
Till such time, with steadfast and unreluctant heart,  
Prepare thou the path, and be thy name,  
Though glorious now, a source of honour then,  
From which shall spring new hopes and thoughts  
For future years.

M. SLATER (UVI).

*Drawn by D. WELLS, IIIA*


### MY DOG

I have a dog called Sandy  
Who's only four months old.  
He's very fine and Dandy  
And does as he is told.

He greets all friends and foes the same,  
With madly wagging tail,  
And thinks it is the greatest game  
To chew the morning mail.

In summer when the days are long  
We'll roam the fields together,  
And listen to the blackbird's song,  
In fine and sunny weather.

R. MILES (IVA).



*Cut by B. FIELD, LVA*

## A VISIT TO BELGIUM

After receiving a friend from Belgium for a fortnight's holiday in England, I obtained the necessary papers and started on the 250-mile journey to his country for a month's visit.

This is only one instance of a friendship bonded from the disorders of war. In this particular instance my father, while on active service in that country, made the acquaintance of a Belgian young man, and both he and I continued to write to him for the next two years. When all had settled down to some extent, he visited us just before Easter; thus we met and then kept up the connections within three weeks.

The journey is long and tiring, lasting about twelve hours to go from Slough to Antwerp, which is the second largest city of Belgium. The route I took was via Dover-Ostend, and then to Antwerp via Brussels.

On the day after my arrival I went on a general tour of the city. Some of the more important places I visited were the Cathedral, the Scheldt Tunnel, a pre-war excavation, and the town hall. A direct contrast to the old buildings of the city is the "skyscraper," a modern structure, which is the highest building in Europe. From the highest floor of the "skyscraper," the whole city spreads out in a beautiful panorama, with the neighbouring country of Holland to the west and north, and the flat plain of Northern Belgium on the other two sides.

This country, of all occupied countries of Europe, is probably the one that has recovered the most quickly. The shops are filled with British and American goods. The only rationed foods now remaining are sugar, butter, margarine, meat, milk and chocolate. Eggs can be bought in as great a quantity as one requires, and bananas, oranges, apples, grapefruit, nuts, plums, pears and fresh vegetables are in plentiful supply.

The twenty-years'-old trams are the only means of transport in the city. These bump along their tracks, which are laid unevenly on the cobbled streets, making even short journey uncomfortable. All Belgium has the same sort of tram, which differ only slightly from town to town. They are painted a uniform pale yellow colour, and have a trailer attached behind them in the same way as two railway carriages.

The Germans, during their retreat, blew up the Scheldt bridges, and the only way to reach the other side is by ferry or by the Scheldt tunnels.

There are two tunnels under the Scheldt, one for pedestrians and one for cars and light lorries. They are, in design and appearance, like the underground railway approaches of London, but are unrepainted owing to the war.

Antwerp suffered no damage in its occupation and liberation, but when the Germans had withdrawn from the city they bombarded it with flying-bombs and rocket-bombs, which took their toll of the buildings.

The schools of the city are small and numerous, but the general standard of education is very good. The city contains the largest college of Belgium, the college of Saint Joan, which accommodates 1,600 boys. Of course, there are many universities, even larger than this school.

The general mode of life of the Belgian people is scarcely different from that of the English people. The school-leaving age is higher, being about eighteen years for their secondary-school equivalents.

The language spoken in Antwerp and Northern Belgium is Flemish, a dialect of Dutch, and the language of the south is French. These two languages are used almost equally in the country, both being spoken by about forty-five per cent of the people, while the remainder speak German.

In the 19th Century a law was passed which compelled the people of Brussels to speak French, most of whom do so to-day, even though the people of the villages south of Brussels speak Flemish. Brussels was undamaged in the war, and the fine buildings and monuments remain. The shops of Brussels are probably the most well stocked of the country, just as the shops of London are the fullest of England.

Belgium is the ideal place for a holiday at the present time, and a most enjoyable fortnight to two months could be spent there without being bored. My month's

holiday was spent most enjoyably, and when the time came for me to return to England I was very loth to leave. At last I started on my fourteen hours' journey back, and arrived at Slough station at 12 o'clock, midnight, on May 10th.

B. WOODLEY (LVA).

## SONNET (After Shakespeare)

Tired with all these, I fain would leave this school—  
As to perceive innumerable nouns,  
And verbs, and adjectives, rule after rule,  
And schoolboys' faces—frantic, worried frowns,  
And acids, bases, alkalis and salts,  
And test-tubes blowing up with deafening roar,  
And mathematics homework, decked with faults,  
And history text-books, such an awful bore,  
And indecipherable contour lines,  
And Laws of Newton, Hooke, and Ohm, and Boyle,  
And formulæ, equations, crazy signs,  
And homework—piles of tiring, needless toil:  
Tired with all these, I fain would leave this spot,  
Save that I like my football such a lot.

A. MASSEY (LVA).

## RIKKI'S CAPTURE

Whistling as he walked along the golden sand with his tawny Alsatian, Rikki, Philip Mansfield sat down on a rough rock by a nearby cave. Philip Mansfield was a Naval Cadet, and a printer by trade. "Look how beautiful the sea is to-night, with the waves capped with a frothing foam and the reddish glow of the setting sun," he said to Rikki, who was standing patiently by his side with his nose pointed seaward. Rikki, with a low growl of approval, squatted on his haunches, while both sat as rigid as rock as the sun sank lower and lower. Philip was due to sail in three days' time, on a ship called the "Neptune," to South Africa. Rikki had been approved as the ship's mascot.

Suddenly the deathly silence was broken by the splashing of oars not far from the shore. Both looked at one another, man and dog, Phil thinking why on earth a rowing boat was out at sea now, with a dense fog creeping in. The Naval Cadet was the first to spring to action. Catching hold of the dog's collar, Phil pulled the dog and himself under cover of a boulder. Soon voices reached their ears. It sounded as if there were about three men in the boat. Then there was a grating as the boat grounded on the shingle. Three men clambered out of the boat with three boxes. Stumbling up the beach, they entered the cave where the man and dog were hiding just outside. Then they returned to the boat to bring three casks into the cave. "One more trip back to the yacht and we'll be finished," said the leader. "And about time, too, Jake," replied a comrade. Soon the boat had moved off the shingle back to the yacht.

Again Philip Mansfield sat down on the rough rock, deep in thought. Suddenly sitting up, he scribbled a note on a piece of paper and attached it to Rikki's collar. Rikki leapt off into the darkness while Phil went the opposite way. He remembered a deserted fisherman's hut further down the beach. Racing there, he found what he wanted, an old trawling net and a piece of cord. Arriving at the cave again, he climbed upon a ledge above and hid himself. Soon the men returned again. He let them enter, waiting tensely. As they came out he leapt down on top of them,

with the trawling net stretched out. As he fell they got entangled in the meshes. Writhing and struggling and hitting out, the smugglers gradually worked their way free. Soon Phil was overpowered, but just as they were going to tie him up Rikki arrived on the scene with three burly fishermen. Rikki leapt at a man's throat and bore him to the ground, stunning him. The dog paused only long enough to make sure his victim was out of action, then turned to find that Jake had escaped. He had drawn a snub-nosed automatic from his pocket and held the men at bay. He had forgotten Rikki, though. The dog leapt at the man and bore him screaming to the ground with the dog's fangs in his shoulder. As soon as Jake was overpowered, the first words that left Phil Mansfield's mouth were, "Good old Rikki."

R. P. ANTILL (IIa).

### THE COUNTRYSIDE

The countryside is beautiful,  
The luscious grass is green.  
I love to walk amid the fields,  
Where daises can be seen.

I love to climb a rick of hay  
And lie there in the sun,  
To watch the birds fight for their food,  
And find which one has won.

H. VANDEPEER (IIIb).

### THAMES CRUISING

The Thames is our greatest river, and yet many people do not realise the pleasure to be had from exploring its upper reaches. Their knowledge of the river is confined to the stretches which can be seen during an afternoon sculling in a skiff.

The motor cruiser, which exists in ever-increasing numbers in the hire fleets alone, is the best way to explore the Thames during a short holiday.

From Chertsey, where lies a large hire fleet, to Oxford, is about 80 miles, and the round trip of 160 miles can easily be done in a week aboard a typical cruiser. The charges for a week range from £10 for a two-berth craft, to £25 for a six-berth boat. A lock-pass for the 27 locks is included.

If you have a big boat you cannot pass above Oxford, as Osney bridge has only 7 feet head-room, but if you can pass that obstacle there is nothing to stop you going on right up-river to Lechlade, 37 miles distant; that is the limit for cruiser navigation.

Now about the practical details of controlling a cruiser. This is quite simple, but one must not fall into the trap of regarding the steering as a car: a car swings on its tail, a cruiser pivots on its bow, and the stern swings out, and thus it takes careful handling to manoeuvre the boat neatly alongside the lock wall without colliding with anybody else or swinging across the lock.

The only trouble one is likely to encounter, apart from locks, are weeds clogging the propeller, and running aground. The screw can usually be cleared by reversing the engine, and this also works to get the boat off when aground, unless you have hit the shoal at high speed, so that your bow has risen over it, in which case reversing the screw may complicate matters, as it may suck up sand and mud and pack it beneath the keel, or it may infiltrate into the bearings. So, if you come to a sudden stop, with your bow cocked up, it usually means going overside and shoving hard

until the boat starts to shift, when it is advisable to regain the vertical quickly, to avoid falling into the water!

On one occasion our helmsman, mistaking the channel, went up the weir stream and had us firmly aground, so it is advisable to make sure of the channel; perhaps the best way is by a map, such as "Stanford's," to the scale of 1½ in. to one mile, with the navigable waters clearly marked. It does not improve the temper to go aground and waste anything up to an hour getting clear, and you might think the game was not worth the candle, but I assure you Thames cruising is the best holiday I have yet discovered!

D. J. BRECKNELL (IVa).

### POEM

I am a light and frisky mouse  
And just come out for tea.  
I love to prance around the house  
And squeak most merrily.

Is this a lump of cheese I see?  
Oh, it's my lucky day,  
But, alas, here comes the cat,  
So I am off; good-day.

D. ANSDELL (IIIb).

### THE EAGLE

The eagle is a strong and lordly bird  
And when he's gliding over hill and plain  
'Tis thought of killing which fill up his brain.

His shrieks of joy are often clearly heard  
When having not gone hunting all in vain,  
Well satisfied, to distant crags he'll plane.  
The eagle is a strong and lordly bird  
And when he's gliding over hill and plain  
'Tis thoughts of killing which fill his brain.

If ever any creature does but stir,  
The eagle will swoop swiftly without strain,  
Like lightning stabbing out of wind and rain.  
The eagle is a strong and lordly bird  
And when he's gliding over hill and plain  
'Tis thoughts of killing which fill up his brain.

R. HAMMOND (IVa).



## SHAKESPEARE COMES TO CIPPENOUGH MAGNA

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears,  
I come to bury Cæsar, not to praise him."

"That's right, mate!" commented a good-natured, but argumentative little man from the doorway of "The Man with a Load of Mischief." He was dressed in a loud, check suit, gaudy shirt and tie and a cloth cap, set well to the back of his head, and, smacking his lips with the expert judgment of a connoisseur, on the mellow richness of a tankard of the local brew, which he had just drunk, was preparing to enjoy his Saturday evening.

A small crowd which had gathered round the stage, improvised in a corner of the market-place, grinned and awaited developments. The people of Cippenough Magna had little respect either for players or Shakespeare, and, curiously enough, the player knew this very well. However, unperturbed, he continued,

"The evil that men do lives after them,  
The good is oft interred with their bones.  
So let it be with Cæsar."

The cap slid further down the back of the little man's greasy head.  
"Ain't it grand to be bloomin' well dead?" he chanted, and again the crowd laughed.

By this time the attention of everyone in the market-place had been attracted by the spectacle of a large, prosperous-looking man, wrapped in what might once have been a white toga, shouting and gesticulating before a laughing audience. "It must be that orator, I forget his name, some foreigner." This remark was the result of a few pretentious posters which had announced that: "On Saturday next at 7.30 p.m. the celebrated orator and actor, Roscius, after his recent successes in Rome, would declaim 'Antonius pro Cæsar,' in the market place of Cippenough Magna." Although the townspeople were anything but classical scholars, the information had caused some talk, but, apart from this, little interest had been shown until now, when Roscius seemed to be providing an amusing act. More and more people were drifting towards his pitch.

"If it were so, it was a grievous fault  
And grievously hath Cæsar answer'd it."

"Hold your hand out, naughty boy," sang the little man, to the delight of the audience. He was in his element. He had moved out of the doorway and was seated on a rail outside the inn. His face was wreathed in merriment, and in the evening sunlight shone red, almost eclipsing the brilliance of his tie. For him this was a perfect evening; here was some freak actor to make game of and an appreciative crowd to applaud him.

The "freak actor," on the other hand, was also enjoying himself and, as for a fourth time he asserted that Brutus was "an honourable man," to which the reply came, "Let's get on with it," he considered with satisfaction the large, happy crowd he had gathered around him, to the dissatisfaction of the stall-keepers.

"O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts  
And men have lost their reason," he declaimed, and winked at the representation of mischief on the inn-sign, who perhaps winked back at him.

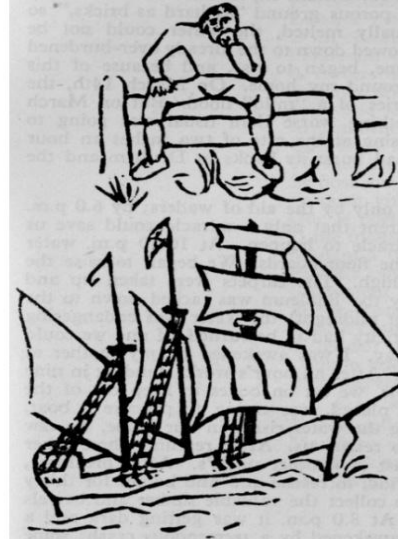
Without any Shakespearean authority, not that Cippenough Magna knew or cared, two men entered, at this point, bearing a coffin.

"Bear with me;  
My heart is in the coffin there with Cæsar,  
And I must pause till it come back to me." He paused, put his hand in the coffin and drew out a bottle:

"Had Cæsar this elixir used . . ."  
"A cheapjack!" The little man spat in disgust and disappeared to find solace in another tankard.

M. CROWTHER.

## THE BALLAD OF THE "SILVER HEART"



A boy was sitting on the shore,  
Dreaming of lands o'er the sea,  
When his uncle woke him up,  
A gallant man was he.

He told him of the Spanish Main,  
Of how he fought on it,  
Of how his comrades fell around,  
And how his ship was hit.

To go to sea the boy decides,  
His mother says he may,  
So he packed all his things,  
To go without delay.

He joined the good ship "Silver Heart,"  
And sailed from Plymouth Sound.  
And soon her course to west was set,  
On treasure seeking bound.

The Spanish galleon "Santa Cruz,"  
With treasure bound for Spain,  
Was sighted by the English ship  
Out in the Spanish Main.

"Make ready, lads," the captain cried,  
"The Spanish ship to board.  
We'll fight and beat those Spanish dogs,  
And seize their precious hoard!"

They fought and took the Spanish ship,  
The gold they stowed away,  
And, as the sun was sinking low,  
They sailed upon their way.

And on they went into the west,  
Until they came to land.  
They left their ship, and all the crew  
The small craft gaily manned.

So when they reached the rocky shore  
The men went east and west,  
And left the boy to guard the boat,  
Till they returned to rest.

But pirates wild soon hove in sight,  
And seized our hero bold.  
They tortured him, to make him tell  
Where Skipper hid his gold.

They lit a fire to heat the irons,  
For gruesome tortures more.  
The crew espied the smoke from far,  
And hurried back to shore.

The pirates cruel were soon o'ercome,  
The ship was homeward bound.  
And under a cloudless summer sky,  
Sailed into Plymouth Sound.

A. TYLER (IIIa).



Drawn by J. R. GREEN, IIIA

Cut by B. FIELD, LVA

Between March 16th and 27th, 1947, the mid-Thames valley experienced the greatest disaster caused by flood ever recorded.

After a very mild flood in December 1946, Britain experienced an abnormally hard winter. Heavy frosts made the usually porous ground "as hard as bricks," so that when the heavy falls of snow eventually melted, the water could not be absorbed by the ground and consequently it flowed down to the already over-burdened river. The river, with so much extra volume, began to rise, and because of this a "mild" flood was expected in the area around my home. On March 14th, the river rose very slowly, bearing out the theories of a "mild" flood. But on March 15th it was plain to everybody that something worse than usual was going to happen. The news that the Thames was rising at the rate of two inches an hour was coupled with the news that the Colne had burst its banks at Denham and the Wyndisbury was now a raging torrent.

By 4.30 p.m., we could leave our house only by the aid of waders; by 6.0 p.m. even this was impossible. It was now apparent that only a miracle could save us from disaster, but we still hoped for the miracle to happen. At 10.30 p.m. water (now polluted with refuse) seeped through the floor-boards. We began to raise the furniture on to bricks to about six inches high. The carpets were taken up and placed as high as possible, but unfortunately the linoleum was tacked down to the floor and had to be left. By this time (about midnight) the water was endangering the power points on the skirting, so the electricity had to be turned off and we could do no more until dawn on Mothering Sunday. I was awakened by my mother at the early hour of four o'clock in the morning. After an hour's work, standing in nine inches of water, rescuing as much as possible, we sat on boxes to keep out of the water. My uncle, a little more fortunately placed, was trying to procure a boat, and, eventually, after four hours of watching the water rising in our home, we saw him coming across the paddock in a boat to rescue us. After rescuing three other families in the same plight, we had breakfast at another uncle's. After breakfast, we had to find lodgings for an indefinite period, to rescue and find homes for thirty hens, to help deliver milk in the boat and to collect the valuable timber and barrels that were floating towards the main river. At 8.0 p.m. it was getting dark and a wind was rising. At about midnight I was awakened by a tremendous crash; some unfortunate person had lost his chimney-pot. After a day of water-borne tragedies, a gale was raging and the flooded fields now looked like the North Atlantic, with giant waves crashing against our front windows. In the morning we heard that no less than fifteen trees, all more than fifty feet high, had crashed on to houses and across the already water-bound roads. By Tuesday, March 18th, the Southern Railway track between Wraybury and Sunnymeads stations was submerged, the main Slough-Staines road was under eighteen inches of water and only amphibious vehicles could now pass. There was no tele-communication between Wraybury telephone exchange and the outside world. The water had now passed many of the 1894 flood levels.

After nine days, the water began to fall, and, on March 26th, by using the boat to reach our door, we were able to stand in the kitchen dry-footed. The doors had swollen, the decorations and the electrical installations were completely ruined, all the furniture was falling to pieces before our very eyes (cold water destroys glue) and the linoleum was now a soggy mess. Then my eyes turned to a green book lying on the floor; it was my Physics book, now just a mass of pulp. On the next day we set-to and began to clean the place up. This job is still in progress; when it will finish we do not know.

\* Before March 1947 the greatest flood ever recorded was at its height in November 1894.

D. HOSSACK (LVI).

## LA VISION

Pendant deux longues minutes  
Je me tenais sur la butte,  
Perdu au milieu des champs  
Bien insouciant du temps.  
Je regardais l'horizon  
Lorsque j'entendis le son  
D'un chœur céleste de voix  
Paraissant venir à moi  
A travers une nuée.  
Sur mon front une sueur  
Jaillit; je tombai par terre  
Murmurant une prière  
Que Dieu me pardonnerait.  
Puis un beau chardonneret  
Se posa sur mon épaule  
Et saisit vite la gaule  
Que je portais à la main.  
Il me montra un chemin  
Menant à un grand palais,  
Et deux cent anges tout près  
Chantaient la gloire de Dieu.  
Sur-le-champ devant mes yeux  
Tout s'évanouit et là  
S'étendait un grand champ plat  
Comme une scène rustique  
Bien merveilleuse et magique.

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Je descendis de la butte,  
Marchant tout droit vers ma hutte;  
Je réfléchirais un peu  
Sur l'événement affreux.

J. F. DAVIS (UVA).

## ROBERT RICKS

*Who was a Builder*

This is the tale of Robert Ricks,  
Who liked to play with Wooden Bricks.  
When he was small he'd play for hours  
At building Lofty Wooden Towers.  
He said, "When I become a Man,  
I'll be a builder if I can."  
He was at School all thro' the Blitz  
And saw the houses bombed to Bits.  
He said, "My Duty's very plain,  
I'll help to build them up again!"  
And so, on leaving school, young Bob,  
Got started on a Building Job.  
No more with Wooden Bricks content,  
He uses Stone and Strong Cement.  
He climbs the Scaffold with his Hod  
(From where he sits, you do look odd).  
The Walls are built, the Roof is laid,  
And here's the House that Bob has made.

R. A. COTHER (LVA).

## SIR ROGER DE COVERLEY VISITS SLOUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

As I have mentioned in my former papers, I have for some weeks past been staying with my good friend Sir Roger at his country residence.

You may remember that since Sir Roger's unlucky encounter with the beautiful widow he rarely leaves his country seat, so I was very surprised when, as I was about to return to town, my friend said he would come some part of the way with me.

It was while we were in the train that Sir Roger explained to me his reason for coming so near London. He said that a few months before he had made some disparaging remarks about the Grammar Schools of England and so he had been invited by the Ministry of Education to visit a typical Grammar School. The School which had been chosen was situated at Slough, a fair-sized town not far from London.

As I was in no particular hurry, I expressed a desire to accompany my friend, and he immediately consented.

We alighted at Slough station at about 11 a.m. and went out into the station yard to find a taxi. After a short search, Sir Roger found a man with what he considered an honest face and we went on our way.

At the School we were warmly welcomed by Mr. Clarke, the headmaster, and we immediately commenced our tour of inspection.

We started with the junior forms, who were struggling with elementary French and Latin, and worked our way up towards the senior forms, who were still struggling with those two subjects and were now also worried by every other lesson.

After a very good lunch, served by the School cook, we were very glad to hear that we had chanced to come on a day when some films were being shown to the School.

After the first film, which was about North America, had finished, my good friend got up and gave a very enlightening lecture on bee-keeping, which was applauded loudly, but which had nothing to do with the matter on hand.

After the films we were introduced to the staff, and when we were leaving my friend told Mr. Clarke that he was sure that he had a very good body of teachers and that they could all whip a boy tolerably well. When told that the boys were not whipped by the masters he said he was very sorry to hear it, as his grandfather had been whipped by Doctor Busby and that there was nothing that made a boy more studious than a good sound whipping.

K. COSTICK (Uva).

## SONNET

There as he trod the sodden earth there came  
Towards him past the stricken trunk of pine  
A squad of soldiers fanned out in a line  
To take him, though he was already lame.  
They saw him and all called him by his name.  
He turned to flee; the captain gave the sign:  
Ten muskets rose and with a sudden whine  
Ten leaden bullets crushed his feeble frame.  
No gravestone marks the place where that poor man  
Fell to his doom upon this open earth.  
No stone is laid there that a passer-by  
May read his life and learn the race he ran,  
For he was wicked from his very birth!  
But have they ever sought the reason why?

J. F. DAVIS (Uva).

## THE OLD PALUDIANS

The Old Paludians' Association was given a fresh start after the long break in its activities by a re-union meeting at the School on July 13th 1946. Two cricket matches between rival teams of Old Boys were played during the afternoon, and a hundred Old Boys and friends sat down to tea. Mr. Clarke presided at a very representative gathering in the evening. After welcoming the members, he referred to the loss of 64 Old Boys who had lost their lives in the war, and the meeting stood silent in their memory. Steps were immediately taken to revive the activities of the Association; a committee was elected consisting of the following: Messrs. Collin, F. Grosch, L. A. G. Hibberd, P. R. Marler, J. Warr and K. D. Weller; Mr. E. W. Earl was elected Treasurer, and Mr. Smith re-elected Secretary. Sectional meetings were also held to make a fresh start with the Football and Cricket Clubs, with Messrs. Grosch and Hibberd respectively as secretaries.

At the first committee meeting it was decided to inaugurate a Social Committee representative of all sections, to run all social activities of the Association, and during the winter this committee has run three very successful dances at the Dolphin Hotel, also a very enjoyable Social Evening at the School on February 21st. Saturday evening dances at the School have also been held, in which great assistance has been rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Charman. In most of these events the committee have had the welcome co-operation of members of the Old Girls' Association (Slough High School), and it is hoped that a number of functions will be run jointly by the two Associations during the coming winter.

The Annual Meeting for 1947 is being held at the School on July 19th, the date of the Old Boys' cricket match with the School First XI.

## OLD PALUDIANS' FOOTBALL CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Old Paludians' Association, July 1946, it was decided to revive the Old Paludians' Football Club, and arrangements were made to run three teams, the Senior XI in the Old Boys' League West A., the Reserve XI in the Windsor and District Junior League, Division 3, and the Minor Team in the Windsor and District Youth Football League.

The first team did amazingly well, and won the championship of their division of the Old Boys' League. Although there were several outstandingly good performances in the League competition, perhaps their best performance of the season was to run the strong Slough United A. team to 7 goals to 4 in the Town Cup competition. Their success was due to really good team work, and the team was composed of 50% of the very successful Minor League team (which won the County Minor Cup during the war years) and 50% of the old-timers of pre-war vintage. The team was ably skippered by H. J. Cordery, who showed that he had lost none of his pre-war abilities as one of the leading goal scorers in local junior football.

The Reserve XI were unfortunately unable to field the same team two weeks running, due to members being called to H.M. Forces, and also the fact that a number of Old Pals home on leave got a game with this XI. Special mention should be made of the fact that Mr. S. E. Medcalfe (Meddy), who was the founder of the Club, very sportingly turned out on a couple of occasions. However, there is no doubt that next year, with the players who have already promised to assist, we should be able to field a really strong Reserve XI.

The Minor XI, after a somewhat promising start, fell away badly, and due to a number of lads being called up for Service it was difficult in the later stages of the season to field a full team. In fact, it was not possible to fulfil our last 4 matches.

The First XI will hold a cup for winning the championship, and permission has been obtained from the Berks and Bucks Football Association to present each member of the winning XI with a souvenir.

The Club would like to take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the great help given to the Club by Mr. Collins, who as a member of the Selection



Committee did such sterling work, also to an Honorary Old Paludian, Mr. Bert Charman, for all of his services, and likewise for the assistance given by Mrs. Charman in catering in such an excellent manner for the visiting teams.

The Club is looking forward to another most successful season next year, and, with the large numbers of Old Paludians that have promised to play, it looks as though we shall be in for a record season.

#### OLD PALUDIANS' CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club members are now enjoying their first season of cricket since the war and have a full programme of away games. A very attractive fixture list has been arranged and the annual match with the School will be played on July 19th, when two teams will be fielded.

The officials of the Club for the season are:-

*President* : E. R. Clarke, M.A.

*Chairman* : H. J. Cordery.

*Captain & Secretary* : L. A. G. Hibberd.

*Vice-Captain* : J. Darby.

*Treasurer* : F. Fry.

The Club is very glad to have the assistance of Mr. Collin and Mr. Purvis as regular playing members this season, and Mr. Todd is proving himself an extremely keen and capable umpire.

At the Annual General Meeting held early in the year, S. E. Medcalf and W. E. Harding were elected life members of the Club in recognition of their valuable services in the past—a well-deserved honour and one that has already been bestowed on them by the Football Club.

The season has commenced very well and it is apparent that the Club will give a good account of itself. To date, five matches have been played, of which two have been won, one drawn, one tied and one lost. Playing against Horlicks Cricket Club on the 31st May, the opening pair, Ken Dandridge and Ralph Smith, scored 110 runs before being parted, and a most exciting match resulted in a tie, the Club scoring 159 for 6 wickets in reply to Horlicks' score of 159 for 4 wickets.

There is considerable talent amongst the younger members, and with one or two pre-war stalwarts to assist, everything points to a happy and successful season.

